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Testimony Delayed in Auto Case

Continue Hearing On Bankruptcy

Eagerly awaited testimony on Chicago's mysterious missing cars case was delayed Monday.

A hearing on an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against the Sterling-Harris Ford agency, formerly of 2626 N. Cicero, was continued to Wednesday.

ATTORNEY Jesse Brown told Stephen Chummers, bankruptcy referee, that he needed more time to advise his clients of their constitutional rights.

They are George Harris, 36, of 6519 M. Kolmar, Lincolnwood, and LeRoy Sterling, 30, of 4624 Howard, Skokie, owners of the agency from which 300 cars disappeared.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

RED STREAK Editor

Date MAR 20 1961

Chicago, Illinois

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Part I

Editor JOHN STANTON

CHICAGO OFFICE

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SAC, Chicago

March 29, 1961

Director, FBI

STERLING - HARRIS FORD AGENCY
NBA

Reference is made to a news item submitted by your office which appeared in the Chicago Daily News, Red Streak Edition, dated 3/20/61, part I, page 3, column 8, concerning an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against the captioned firm. This item indicates that 300 cars are mysteriously missing.

In the event no complaint has been received by the Chicago Office in this matter, immediate contact should be made with the appropriate referee to insure that any violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction are promptly reported to your office.

If the Chicago Office has already received a complaint the Bureau should be furnished with full details and the investigation should be given aggressive and continuous attention.

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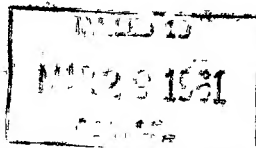
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 1, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD AGENCY
NBA

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Rebulet to Chicago dated 3/29/61.

Details concerning this matter were furnished to the Bureau by Chicago airtel dated March 15, 1961, captioned [redacted] aka [redacted] dba Sterling Harris Ford, Inc., 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Possible ITSMV or ITSP, Chicago file No. 26-35035."

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By letter dated March 27, 1961, [redacted] advised as follows:

USA, Chicago

"Please be advised that on Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3, 1961, motor vehicles floor planned by Associates Discount Corporation were checked on the premises of the above-captioned automobile dealer by employees of Associates Discount Corporation.

"Thereafter, and on the following Monday, March 6, 1961, Associates Discount Corporation became aware of the fact that all the cars which had been on the premises of Sterling-Harris the previous Thursday and Friday had been removed.

"An involuntary petition has now been filed in the District Court seeking the adjudication of Sterling-Harris as a bankrupt and the two principals have refused to disclose what disposition had been made of the motor vehicles financed by Associates Discount Corporation. Correspondingly, there now exists an apparent violation of Section 152 of Title 18, United States Code.

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"This office has been furnished with the year, make, description and serial number of those motor vehicles concerning the disposition of which there has been a failure and refusal by Sterling-Harris to explain. Correspondingly, an investigation to establish a violation of Section 152 of Title 18 apparently would prove more profitable if the Federal Bureau of Investigation were to locate the present owners of the said missing motor vehicles and through them to establish monies received by Sterling-Harris therefor.

"To this end, please have an agent contact my assistant, [redacted] who can furnish further details in this matter."

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Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] will be contacted April 3, 1961, and investigation will be instituted in accordance with instructions in referenced Bureau letter.

APRIL 18, 1961

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT (HOLD FOR NEXT RADIO CONTACT)

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

STERLING-HARRIS FORD AGENCY, NBA. REURAIRTEL 4/13/61.

THIS MATTER IS TO BE AFFORDED PROMPT AND EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION. SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO COMPLETE BY 4/28/61. IN THE EVENT [REDACTED] ACCEPTS THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER YOU ARE TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THE BUREAU. NO CONTACTS ARE TO BE INITIATED WITH [REDACTED] IN THIS MATTER AND THE BUREAU IS TO BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY ATTEMPTS BY HIM TO INITIATE ANY CONTACTS. BY RETURN RAD FURNISH THE BUREAU WITH RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY RELATIVE TO THE BANKRUPTCY ALLEGATIONS AND FURNISH A RESUME OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TODATE.

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TO SAC CHICAGO (49-2290)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (49-15138)

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

STERLING-HARRIS FORD AGENCY
NBA

Enclosed is clipping appearing in "Chicago Daily News" 4/12/61. reflecting that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been invited to serve as "Special Counsel" in captioned bankruptcy case. No contacts with him will be initiated by this office under any circumstances, and the Bureau will be immediately advised of any requests or attempts by him to contact this office for any reason.

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Ask Ogilvie To Join in Car Probe

Ex-U.S. Attorney
Won Accardo Case

BY DALE MORRISON

Former U.S. Asst. Atty. Gen. Richard B. Ogilvie has been invited to serve as special counsel in the bankruptcy investigation of Sterling Harris Ford agency.



The case stems from the mysterious disappearance of hundreds of autos from the agency. Many of them later turned up in Lake County.

Ogilvie, now in private practice, won the income-tax fraud conviction of Anthony "Tough Tony" Accardo here last year.

Ogilvie was invited by Craig Phelps, receiver for the now bankrupt agency, to help learn the location of 130 cars still missing.

AMONG THOSE called to testify about the missing cars was Leo Rugendorf, reputed loan shark for the crime syndicate. Rugendorf pleaded the Fifth Amendment more than three dozen times in refusing to testify in his lone appearance before bankruptcy referee Stephen R. Chummers.

Phelps said he would ask Ogilvie into the case because of the former special prosecutor's work with the FBI and local police agencies in investigations of syndicate activities.

If he accepts, as expected, Ogilvie will take part in the questioning of Leroy Sterling, 4624 Howard, Skokie, co-owner of the agency.

STERLING was cited for contempt of court on Phelps' petition after the auto dealer refused to answer questions about the disposition of the 300 cars.

Other witnesses have told that on March 4 and 5 dozens of cars were moved or sold without hubcaps or servicing from the agency's showroom, 2626 N. Cicero.

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CHICAGO OFFICE

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office: ALBUQUERQUE	Office of Origin: CHICAGO	Date: 4/25/61	Investigative Period: 4/21-24/61
TITLE OF CASE: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; [Redacted] aka [Redacted]		Report made by: SA JAMES M. SMITH	Typed By: les
		CHARACTER OF CASE: NBA	

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REFERENCE:

Chicago teletype to Albuquerque dated April 21, 1961,
and Albuquerque teletype dated April 21, 1961. (inter-office)

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LEADS:

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AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will contact proper authorities in the NBA Matter and determine what disposition [Redacted] should or may make regarding the sale and disposition of the two Fords he has received as probably being part of the bankruptcy estate.

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ALBUQUERQUE

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Upon receipt of information from Chicago, will advise [redacted] as to what disposition he can make of these cars should they be from the bankrupt estate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: U. S. Attorney, Chicago

Report of: SA JAMES M. SMITH
Date: April 25, 1961

Office: ALBUQUERQUE

Field Office File No.: AQ 49-49

Bureau File No.:

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;



Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

No record in Albuquerque through general sources of [redacted] used car dealer in Albuquerque, interviewed. Claims has buyer in Chicago named [redacted] who drafts on [redacted] for cars. [redacted] recently bought two Fords from Mars Company in Chicago. One was on [redacted] lot April 21, 1961, and other in transit. This second car received by [redacted] April 24, 1961. List of all Fords purchased by [redacted] for [redacted] since March 1, 1961 obtained and set out.

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DETAILS:

On April 21, 1961, a check was made of the Albuquerque City Directory and the Albuquerque Telephone Directory and with the Albuquerque Credit Bureau and no record was located for [redacted]

Date 4/25/61

[redacted] Auto Sales. [redacted] SE, stated that he has a byer named [redacted] of [redacted] Company, Chicago, who buys cars for [redacted] and ships them to Albuquerque. He stated that [redacted] makes purchases for [redacted] by drafting on [redacted] stated [redacted] is a very reputable individual and was aware of the bankruptcy of the Sterling-Harris Ford Company in Chicago and had told [redacted] he was being very careful not to buy any of the cars from this bankrupt company. [redacted] stated he had received one Ford on April 21, 1961, from [redacted] who purchases on occasions from the Mars Company.

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[redacted] stated that by checking Southwest Investment Corporation records, the finance company which handles [redacted] papers, he determined that this Ford is a 1961 Ranch Wagon, Serial No. 1F61W-199099 in the amount of \$2250. He stated that this car was purchased by [redacted] by a draft on [redacted]. He advised that the papers at Southwest Investment Corporation show that the State of Illinois Title dated March 4, 1961, was to [redacted] with a lien to the Mars Company. It was transferred back to Mars from [redacted] date not shown, and then MARS transferred the car to Power Motor Company on April 13, 1961, and [redacted] received the car in Albuquerque April 21, 1961.

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[redacted] stated he has another Ford on the way from [redacted] which Ford was described as a 1961 Fairlane 500, Serial No. 1G42W144413. [redacted] had his bookkeeper prepare a list of all Fords received from [redacted] since March 1, 1961, and the list was as follows:

1960 Ford Falcon
Serial No. OH11S131191

1960 Ford Country Sedan
Serial No. OF64W171437

1959 Ford Galaxie
Serial No. A97S147736

1960 Ford Galaxie
Serial No. OG 51X120778

On 4/21/61 at ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO File # AQ 49-49

by SA JAMES M. SMITH/les Date dictated 4/24/61

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1960 Ford Galaxie
Serial No. OF52W125775

1959 Ford Galaxie
Serial No. B9GS132648

1958 Ford Victoria
Serial No. G8FV 220334

During the interview, [] made a long distance telephone call to [] in Chicago and [] told [] that only two Fords had been obtained through the Mars Company in the recent past. According to [] stated it was the 1961 Ranch Wagon received by [] on April 21, 1961, and the Fairlane 500 which was in transit. POOL stated that he had never heard of a [] in the car business in Albuquerque and after checking with one [] of the Auto Auction in Albuquerque, he related that [] had never heard of []

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Date 4/25/61

[redacted] telephonically advised that he had received from Chicago on April 24, 1961, a 1961 Fairlane 500, Serial No. 1G42W144413. [redacted] stated that he has been in contact with [redacted] and has asked [redacted] to attempt to find out what disposition [redacted] can make of the two cars which were purchased by [redacted] from the Mars Company. [redacted] stated he was desirous of learning whether or not he could sell or dispose of these cars.

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 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
 SUBJECT: ~~CHANGED~~
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 [redacted] aka
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 NBA

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 4/20/61.

The title of this communication is marked changed to reflect the names of principals of subject company and to reflect the official name of company. Previous correspondence has carried the name of company as "STERLING - HARRIS FORD AGENCY".

LEO RUGENDORF was called as witness in 21A hearing 4/20/61, and took the Fifth Amendment thirty times when questioned by [redacted] Attorney for trustee. [redacted] sought through questioning to bring out that RUGENDORF had removed the cars from subject company as payment on loan to bankrupt. RUGENDORF also said it might incriminate him to admit he knew PHILIP "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO, SAM "TEETZ" BATTAGLIA and [redacted] Chicago hoodlums. Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /49-15138/
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2290/ 1P

STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL, NBA. CINCINNATI CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE FURNISHED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO REGISTERED FIFTY THREE MISSING
STERLING HARRIS CARS. SEVEN TRUCKS WERE SHOWN FOR LEO RUGENDORF OR HIS
COMPANY. INFORMATION RE RUGENDORF PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED. IN VIEW OF
ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS REQUIRED, BASED ON THE ABOVE, CHICAGO UNABLE TO
COMPLETE ALL INVESTIGATION AND SUREP BY APRIL TWENTY EIGHT, NEXT. BOOKS
AND RECORDS OF STERLING HARRIS RECEIVED TO DATE ARE INCOMPLETE AND
EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL RECORDS. REPORT REFLECTING
INVESTIGATION TO DATE WILL BE SUBMITTED APRIL TWENTY EIGHT, NEXT.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 19, 1961

FROM : A. J. McGrath

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD AGENCY
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

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Chicago Division by teletype dated 4/18/61 advised that [redacted] (former Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who has recently been highly critical of the Director and the FBI) will serve as Special Counsel to the Trustee in the captioned bankruptcy. [redacted] who will assist the Trustee in bankruptcy proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court, is quoted in a news release as stating he would investigate possible crime syndicate involvement in missing automobiles from the premises of bankrupt agency.

The U. S. Attorney, Chicago, by letter dated 3/27/61, requested Chicago Division to conduct investigation to determine whether a violation of the National Bankruptcy Act exists. The bankrupt agency allegedly has disposed of certain automobiles and the Chicago Division is conducting investigation into the circumstances surrounding the sale of these automobiles to establish whether the proceeds from these sales were concealed from the Bankruptcy Court. We are also investigating other financial transactions by the bankrupt agency to determine whether any concealment of assets exists.

The U. S. Attorney, Chicago, advised that the principals and other individuals connected with the bankrupt agency appeared before the Bankruptcy Court and all refused to disclose what disposition had been made of the automobiles. One of the individuals called to testify was Leo Rugendorf, who was alleged to have had mysterious financial dealings with the bankrupt agency and alleged to have ordered removal of the automobiles from the premises of the bankrupt agency.

Our files disclose that Rugendorf is a close associate of [redacted] notorious hoodlum in the Omaha, Nebraska, area (92-3185) and Felix Anthony Algerisio, who is a well-known hoodlum in the Chicago area (92-3141).

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The Chicago Division has been instructed to be certain results of our investigation are furnished only to the U. S. Attorney's Office and any necessary contact with the trustee in bankruptcy should be most circumspect. Chicago has been instructed to immediately advise the Bureau prior to having any contact with [redacted] and instructed to afford this matter prompt and expeditious attention. The deadline for completion of investigation is 4/28/61.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 49-2290

STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD AGENCY, *National Bankruptcy Act* REBURAD APRIL EIGHTEEN, *INSTANT.*

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[REDACTED] HAS ACCEPTED OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO TRUSTEE *b6*
THIS CASE. NEWS REPORTS QUOTE HIM AS SAYING HE WOULD EVENTUALLY INVEST- *b7C*
IGATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT A CRIME SYNDICATE CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT
COMPANY WOULD EXPLAIN THE REMOVAL OF THREE HUNDRED CARS FROM AGENCY. *10-*
CHICAGO WILL INITIATE NO CONTACTS WITH HIM AND, IF HE INITIATES CONTACT
THIS OFFICE, BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED. *United States Attorney* USA STATED WOULD CON-
SIDER PROSECUTION FOR BANKRUPTCY VIOLATION IF INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED
CONCEALMENT OF ASSETS OR OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO
CARS ORIGINALLY REPORTED MISSING BY ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT CORP. FIFTY ONE
HAVE BEEN LOCATED BY THEM. STOPS HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH *National Auto Theft Bureau* NATB, CHICAGO,
SECRETARY OF STATE, SPRINGFIELD, AND CINCINNATI CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
ON CARS STILL MISSING. CHICAGO INTERVIEWING OWNERS OF LOCATED CARS TO
ASCERTAIN WHEN PURCHASED, AMOUNT, AND TO WHOM PAID. ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST,
OWNER OF PROPERTY LEASED TO STERLING DASH HARRIS ADVISED THAT ON
MARCH TEN, LAST, HE GAVE CHECK IN AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
TO STERLING AND HARRIS REPRESENTING RETURN TO THEM OF DEPOSIT ON LEASE
AND LEASE CANCELLED. COPY OF THIS CHECK BEING OBTAINED. BUREAU WILL BE
KEPT ADVISED PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. *REC-84 49-2290-138-10*

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See memo M. Keith to Rosen, 4/19/61, CT6: eem

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD AGENCY
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Re Butel 4/19/61.

Results of investigation will be discussed only with United States Attorney and no contacts will be initiated [redacted] Any contacts with trustee [redacted] will be most circumspect.

Involuntary Petition in Bankruptcy filed against Sterling-Harris Ford on March 13, 1961, by creditor [redacted] and Associates. Adjudicated bankrupt on April 4, 1961. [redacted] appointed receiver on March 13, 1961, and [redacted] appointed his attorney. Subsequently [redacted] appointed special counsel.

Investigation to date is along lines to prove concealment of assets in contemplation of bankruptcy by [redacted] aka [redacted] and [redacted] officers of bankrupt, which concealment apparently continued after involuntary petition filed. Investigation is also to determine whether or not any conspiracy existed between the principals of the bankrupt and any outside parties allegedly involved with hoodlum element. Assets concealed would consist of cash received from sale of cars March 4-5, 1961, which receipts were not recorded in company's books, as well as approximately 100 cars whose location have not yet been determined. Also being investigated as concealed asset is sum of \$25,000 paid bankrupt by check on March 10, 1961, by [redacted] who leased the premises to bankrupt. This check was deposited in new account at American National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, on March 10, 1961, by bankrupt. On

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March 13, 1961, account closed with \$25,000 withdrawn by check payable to [redacted]

[redacted] After withdrawal, this sum was deposited in account of [redacted] at same bank. [redacted] hospitalized after suffering heart attack and has not been interviewed to date. Chicago is presently interviewing approximately fifty individuals who purchased cars from bankrupt the weekend of March 4-5, 1961, and stops have been placed for unlocated vehicles with Illinois Secretary of State, National Auto Theft Bureau, [redacted]

Re "Crime Syndicate" involvement, information received indicates LEO RUGENDORF, Chicago hoodlum, allegedly loaned large sum of money to bankrupt and served ultimatum on [redacted] "to pay up or else." It was to pay off this loan that allegedly caused bankrupt to attempt to move his car inventory on March 4-5, 1961, to obtain cash. Chicago hoodlums also observed on bankrupt's premises around this time were RUGENDORF, "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO, and OBBIE FRABOTTA. When RUGENDORF was questioned during 21A hearing, he declined to answer any questions, including whether he had made loans to bankrupt or the whereabouts of the missing cars. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have also declined to furnish information concerning the whereabouts of the missing cars.

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Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

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SUBJECT: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.
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The 4/25/61 "Chicago Tribune" carried an article captioned, "Dealer Denies Gang Fear Led to Auto Deal" which reflects that [redacted] Illinois, testified in bankruptcy court on 4/24/61 that he paid \$25,000 to Sterling-Harris Agency on 3/10/61 to cancel the agency's lease on his garage and lot on [redacted] Avenue. [redacted] denied that a crime "syndicate" gangster had terrorized him into paying the \$25,000.

According to the article, [redacted] testified he agreed to pay the \$25,000 to end the lease at a 15 minute conference with [redacted] one of the owners of Sterling-Harris. The money was part of \$35,000 he received from [redacted] as his landlord.

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The article further relates that [redacted] replied "No" when asked by [redacted] attorney for the receiver, if he had ever talked to PHIL ALDERISIO or was ever threatened by ALDERISIO. The article described PHILIP (MILWAUKEE PHIL) ALDERISIO as a gang triggerman and loan shark.

[redacted] has been previously interviewed by agents of this office with respect to this same matter. The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 4/28/61	Investigative Period 3/8 - 4/26/61
TITLE OF CASE STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC., aka [redacted]		Report made by [redacted] (A)	Typed By: gaa
		CHARACTER OF CASE NBA (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)	

REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Chicago dated 3/29/61.
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 4/1/61.

LEADS

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (1) Interview all persons identified as purchasers of the missing Sterling-Harris Ford vehicles.

(2) Examine the books and records of the bankrupt and compute a cash and merchandise shortage.

(3) At the American National Bank and Trust Company, 33 North La Salle, attempt to learn what disbursement was made of the \$25,000 deposited to the account of [redacted] on March 13, 1961.

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(4) Maintain contact with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED]

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No leads are being set forth for other divisions because they have previously been set out by airtel or other communication.

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The original FD-302s on the interviews of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] interview of March 10, 1961, are maintained in Chicago file 26-35035.

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On March 8, 1961, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

Informant advised as follows:

He advised that on the previous day, [redacted]
[redacted] he had [redacted]
that [redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] He continued that [redacted]
[redacted]
He remarked that [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted] real name is
[redacted] and remarked that [redacted] lives some
place in the [redacted] and has telephone number
[redacted] He continued that he has subsequently heard that

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On March 17, 1961, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

Informant advised that he has [redacted]
[redacted]
Informant stated that [redacted]
[redacted] (phonetic), were allegedly [redacted]
in a small way in Chicago on [redacted] but that several
years ago [redacted]
[redacted] Informant
stated that this was [redacted]
[redacted] and that [redacted] At this
time [redacted] "MILWAUKEE" PHIL ALDERISIO
and subsequently [redacted] in Chicago. [redacted]
[redacted]

Informant stated that he quite often [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, and [redacted]
[redacted] He
stated that without a doubt "MILWAUKEE" PHIL ALDERISIO is
[redacted] LEO RUGENDORF and [redacted]
[redacted]
He continued that OBBIE FRABOTTA [redacted]
[redacted] SAM "TEETS" BATTAGLIA [redacted]

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Informant continued that the [redacted]
[redacted]
in Chicago, noting that [redacted]
[redacted] on Saturday, [redacted] with the [redacted]
and the RUGENDORFs.

With regard to [redacted] and [redacted]
formerly of Sterling-Harris Ford, [redacted] advised that
[redacted]
[redacted] and that LEO RUGENDORF [redacted]
STERLING and HARRIS [redacted]
[redacted]
in Chicago. He stated that HARRIS and STERLING [redacted]
[redacted] With regard to [redacted]
[redacted] STERLING and HARRIS [redacted]
in early March, 1961. [redacted] stated that it was his opinion
that [redacted] RUGENDORF, noting that
[redacted]

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On March 9, 1961, [redacted] former
[redacted] furnished the following information to SAs
[redacted], and DENNIS W. SHANAHAN:

The informant advised as follows:

On or about [redacted] 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] (phonetic), [redacted]
[redacted] informant
[redacted] Informant advised that [redacted]
[redacted] at which time [redacted]

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The informant [redacted]
[redacted]
1961. [redacted]
[redacted]

On the evening of [redacted] 1961, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[] LEO, whom he knew from past acquaintanceship to
be LEO RUGENDORF and one []

[]

[] LEO RUGENDORF and []

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[] RUGENDORF []

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Informant was shown a photograph of FELIX
"MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERSIO and at that time stated that

[]

The informant described [] LNU as follows:

Race

White

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Sex
Age
Height
Build
Hair
Remarks

Male
25 years
6'2"
Muscular
Blond, crewcut
Rugged in appearance.

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On March 17, 1961, PCI [] furnished the following information to SA []

By way of background information, PCI [] has known [] a number of years.

The informant []
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1960. [] informant
advised as follows:

On approximately [] 1961. []

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About a week later []

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According to []
[] however, []
available". []

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Prior to this week end, however, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEO RUGENDORF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and RUGENDORF [REDACTED]

occasions with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] understood that at this time RUGENDORF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHIL "MILWAUKEE" ALDERISIO and OBBIE FRABOTTA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also believed to be in company with these individuals on occasion though not known to the informant was [REDACTED]

According to the informant, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On that

[REDACTED] 1961,

according to the informant, [REDACTED]

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The informant stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he believed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RUGENDORF in good

faith; however, [REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Concerning the [redacted] informant
advised [redacted] 1961, in
[redacted]

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The individual who furnished information to SA

[redacted] at the [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois is [redacted]
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Report of: SAA [REDACTED]
Date: April 28, 1961

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Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.,
[REDACTED] aka.;Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT
(ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)

Synopsis: Involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., (SHF) at Chicago, Illinois, on 3/13/61. Adjudicated bankrupt on 4/4/61. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] officers of bankrupt, at 21A hearing took the 5th Amendment when questioned concerning the disposition of assets of the firm. Officials of Associates Discount Corporation (ADC) who floor-planned bankrupt's cars, advised they inventoried SHF cars on 3/3/61 and all units, totaling over 300, were accounted for. On 3/6/61 ADC determined that practically all SHF cars had been moved from the premises. On 3/7/61 ADC located 112 of the missing cars at Park City, Illinois, which they replevined. On 4/13/61 ADC furnished a list of 147 cars still unlocated, together with the names of individuals who, according to ADC sources, might have purchased some of the cars. Interviews with these persons reflect most bought the cars on the week end of 3/4-5/61 and paid for same with cash. On 3/10/61 \$25,000 check payable to SHF by [REDACTED] lessor of premises occupied by SHF, for cancellation of lease, deposited in new SHF account at American National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago. This account closed on 3/13/61 when \$25,000 withdrawn by check payable to [REDACTED] and deposited in his account at same bank. Shortly thereafter \$20,000 withdrawn from [REDACTED] account by two checks for \$7,500 each and two checks for \$2,500 each. [REDACTED] an attorney whose sister is married to [REDACTED] declined to discuss this transaction on the basis of attorney-client relationship.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

This investigation is predicated upon a request contained in a letter received from the office of United States Attorney ROBERT TIEKEN under date of March 27, 1961, regarding Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. This letter advises that on March 2 and 3, 1961, motor vehicles floor planned by Associates Discount Corporation (ADC) were checked on the premises of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. by employees of ADC. Thereafter and on the following Monday, March 6, 1961, ADC became aware of the fact that all of the cars which had been on the Sterling-Harris premises on March 2 and 3, 1961, had been removed. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has now been filed in the District Court seeking the adjudication of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. as a bankrupt and the two principals have refused to discuss what disposition had been made of the motor vehicles financed by ADC. The letter continues that correspondingly there now exists an apparent violation of Section 152 of Title 18, United States Code.

The United States Attorney's letter continues that his office has been furnished with the year, make, description and serial number of those motor vehicles concerning the disposition of which there has been a failure and refusal by [redacted] and [redacted] to explain. Correspondingly the investigation to establish a violation of Section 152 of Title 18, apparently would prove more profitable if the Federal Bureau of Investigation were to locate the present owners of the said missing motor vehicles and through them to establish monies received by Sterling-Harris therefor.

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On April 3, 1961, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] to whom the Sterling-Harris

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Ford, Inc. case has been assigned, was contacted by
SAA HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER.

[redacted] furnished certain photostats which he had previously received from ADC. These photostats include a listing of all of the cars which were checked by ADC employees as being on hand at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. as of March 3, 1961. [redacted] also furnished a list which he had received from ADC which set forth the Sterling-Harris cars which ADC had been able to locate. He also furnished a list of Sterling-Harris Ford cars which ADC had been unable to locate or otherwise account for.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] the principals in this bankruptcy, had both claimed the privilege of the 5th Amendment when questioned regarding the disposition of the bankrupt's inventory and other matters to which the trustee in bankruptcy was entitled. [redacted] requested that an investigation be conducted in this matter since the known facts indicate a probable concealment of assets by the principals in this bankruptcy in contemplation of bankruptcy which concealment continues to this date. In this connection, he stated that the investigation should be aimed at building up all information regarding the assets which should have been on hand as of March 5, 1961, whether these assets be cash acquired from sales of the cars or the cars themselves. He stated that for purposes of possible future prosecution in this matter he deemed it necessary that the purchasers of the cars in the pertinent period be contacted in an effort to build up a merchandise or cash shortage if such a shortage did in fact exist. [redacted] also stated that efforts should be made to develop any information indicating any conspiracy between the principals of the bankrupt corporation and others not

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directly associated with the bankrupt corporation, to conceal assets. [] referred to the rumors and newspaper publicity regarding one LEO RUGENDORF who has been described in the newspapers as a known hoodlum and associate of certain members of the so-called Syndicate. He advised that any information regarding RUGENDORF's involvement or the involvement of others of his ilk with [] and [] be fully developed to establish if in fact any conspiracy to violate the bankruptcy laws did exist.

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It is to be noted that a preliminary investigation with respect to [] and [] the principals of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. had been conducted by this office to determine if there was any violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle or Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statutes. After a discussion of the results of this preliminary investigation with Assistant United States Attorney [] [] advised on March 15, 1961, that the facts developed in this case did not constitute a violation of either of these statutes.

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Review of Bankruptcy Docket

The bankruptcy docket relating to Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., Bankrupt, maintained in the office of Referee in Bankruptcy, [redacted] was reviewed on April 25, 1961 by SAA [redacted] and reflected the following pertinent data:

Name of Bankrupt: Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc.
Business Address: 2700 North Cicero Avenue (or 2626 North Cicero Avenue), Chicago, Illinois
Nature of Business: Automobile dealer
Name of Judge: EDWIN A. ROBSON
Referred to: [redacted] Referee
Docket Number: 61B2903
Petition Filed: 3/13/61
Adjudicated: Bankrupt on 4/4/61
Initial Proceeding: Involuntary
Date of First Meeting of Creditors: 4/27/61
Last Day For Filing Claims: 10/27/61
Name of Receiver: [redacted]

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Attorney for Receiver: [redacted] and [redacted]
Attorney for Petitioning Creditors: [redacted] and [redacted]

Proceedings

3/13/61 Involuntary petition for adjudication filed.
" Order of General Reference to Referee [redacted]
" On petition of petitioning creditors, order [redacted] appointed Receiver and his bond fixed in amount of \$5,000, petitioning creditors bond waived.
3/14/61 Order Receiver's bond of \$5,000 approved and filed.
3/15/61 Notice filed. Petition of Associates Discount Corporation for order restraining Secretary of State from issuing titles.

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3/16/61 Notice filed. Petition of Receiver to employ
counsel. Order authorizing Receiver to employ
[redacted]

3/16/61 7 subpoenas [redacted]
[redacted] for examination
to be held on 3/16/61 at 2:00 p.m., filed.

3/17/61 Adjourned examination held of [redacted]
[redacted] and examination of
[redacted] were concluded;
examination of [redacted] held and continued
to 3/22/61 at 2:00 p.m.

3/24/61 Notice filed. Petition of Receiver for extension
of restraining order and for hearing on issuance
of injunction, filed. Order entered continuing
restraining order entered on 3/15/61.

" Notice filed. Petition of Receiver for leave to
remove assets filed and order issued to remove
assets to warehouse of Business Assets Corporation
for safekeeping.

3/30/61 Notice filed. Petition of Receiver and Associates
Discount Corporation to certify [redacted]
also known as [redacted] for contempt
for failure to comply with order to answer
questions, filed. Leave granted to file petition
instanter. Rule on parties to answer in 10 days.
Hearing set for April 13, 1961 at 2:00 p.m.
Transcript of partial proceedings on 3/22/61
filed. Partial transcript of proceedings on
3/23/61, filed.

4/3/61 Hearing held on petition of Receiver for a preliminary
injunction restraining the Secretary of State and
continued to 4/7/61 at 2:30 p.m.

" Order entered enjoining and restraining Secretary
of State until further order of this court,
from issuing certificates of title for certain
cars described herein, and from issuing certificates
of title or transferring title to any car of
which Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. is vendor.

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4/4/61 Motion of petitioning creditors for entry of order of adjudication. Order of default entered against Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., and it is adjudged that Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., is a bankrupt.

" Motion of Receiver to modify restraining order. Order entered lifting restraining order heretofore entered on 4/3/61 with respect only to certain cars (3 Fords and one Oldsmobile); in event Receiver desires that said restraining order be lifted in respect to other cars, such request may be made by motion without formal petition and without notice to anyone.

4/10/61 Answer of [] to petition for certificate of contempt, filed 3/30/61.

4/7/61 Notice filed. Petition of Receiver for leave to sell assets at public auction sale, filed. Order entered authorizing [] to sell assets at public auction sale.

4/13/61 List of creditors filed.

" Petition of Receiver to employ additional counsel filed and order entered authorizing Receiver to employ [] as additional counsel. b6 b7C

" Inventory filed by Receiver.

" Am endment to order entered, amending order entered on 4/7/61 athorizing sale of assets to provide that auction sale be held on 4/25 and 26/61.

4/14/61 Order entered setting first meeting of creditors for April 27, 1961 at 2:00 p.m.; No publication to be had.

4/20/61 Adjourned examination of LEO RUGENDORF held and continued to May 3, 1961 at 2:00 p.m.

" Adjourned hearing held on petition of Receiver and Associates Discount Corporation to verify [] for contempt and matter taken under advisory.

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Discount Corporation (ADC), 222 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information to SA(A)s CHARLES J. MELONE and HENRY A. HIRSCHENBERGER on April 5, 1961:

ADC financed the purchases of new cars by Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated (SHF), 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The financing or floor planning, as it is commonly called, was under a trust receipt agreement entered into by ADC and SHF, by the terms of which ADC made direct payments to the Ford Motor Company for all new cars purchased by SHF. SHF was required to execute a trust receipt on these cars and forward same to ADC. Under this trust receipt arrangement, SHF was required to make payment to ADC as soon as a car covered by trust receipt was sold. The manufacturer's certificates of origin were kept by SHF to be executed when new cars were sold. Title to the new cars covered by the trust receipts was in SHF but ADC had an enforceable lien against SHF if there were any infractions of the trust receipt agreement by SHF. Violations of these agreements usually take the form of sales out of trust, or SOTs, as they are commonly referred to in the trade. A SOT, of course, is a sale made by the dealer without accounting to the finance company for the proceeds received from the sale. ADC under its agreement with SHF, reserved the right to make periodic checks of the SHF inventory of cars to insure that all of the cars covered by trust receipts were accounted for. Some used cars were also financed by ADC for SHF and SHF was required to execute trust receipts on these cars also.

The last inventory or car check made by ADC representatives at SHF took place on March 3, 1961, at which time SHF had over 300 cars in inventory and no irreconcilable differences were noted. added that in all of the previous car checks made at SHF there were never any unexplainable shortages noted.

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On 4/5/61 and 4/13/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SA(A)s CHARLES J. MELONE and HENRY A. HIRSCHENBERGER/meb Date dictated 4/18/61

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[] stated that a record was made of all of the cars which were on SHF premises and which were covered by trust receipts, as of March 3, 1961 and that a copy of this record certified by the car checker had been made available to Assistant U. S. Attorney []

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[] advised that the ADC personnel concerned with the SHF account were aware that SHF was probably having a very difficult time financially for the two months preceding bankruptcy because they were cut off from advertising because of some false advertising they had engaged in in the past. SHF was a volume operation and when their advertising privileges were cut off, they were necessarily in trouble, because of the decrease in volume.

On Monday, March 6, 1961, [] ADC, received a phone call to the effect that ADC must have "pulled Sterling-Harris" since there were only ten cars on the SHF premises. [] and [] who handled the SHF account, immediately proceeded to the SHF premises where they discovered that all but about ten cars had been moved from the premises. They were unable to locate the owners of SHF, namely [] who is also known as [] and []. The employees remaining on the premises claimed to be unable to furnish any information. Among the employees left were [] a kind of General Manager, who was formerly with the Ford Motor Company and [] a bookkeeper.

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On Monday evening, March 6, 1961, ADC received a tip that 100 of the SHF cars were located in a lot in Park City, Illinois, in the vicinity of Waukegan, Illinois. [] believed this tip originated from [] who is [] in the area in which Park City is located. [] believed that one of [] men was at a dealership located in the vicinity of the lot where the cars were stored and either saw them drive in or noticed the Sterling-Harris sticker on them after they had been parked.

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ADC determined that [] owned the premises where the cars were stored. Upon questioning, [] related that on the preceding Saturday, March 4, 1961, he received a telephone call from [] who operated an Auto Auction in Wausau, Wisconsin. [] claimed that [] told him that he was purchasing some cars from a finance company and wanted a place to park the cars. [] claimed that his dealings in this respect were entirely with [] also informed that he had contacted the Park City Police and had given \$200.00 to each of two Park City Police Officers to keep an eye on the cars. [] claimed that the cars began to come in onto the lot on Sunday, March 5, 1961 at about 7:00 P.M.

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[] continued that he took immediate action to recover the cars from [] premises and obtained a writ of replevin from the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois, which he served on [] on March 7, 1961, and eventually recovered the cars at Park City.

[] related that they had difficulty in obtaining the keys for the cars. For some reason or other, the Park City Police had the keys to the cars and turned them over to [] on the morning of March 7, 1961, prior to the time that [] served the writ of replevin. Subsequently, [] claimed he no longer had the keys. However, some ADC personnel saw [] and two other fellows drive past the lot where the cars were stored. One of these men was [] an official of Twin Foods Products Company, Chicago, Illinois, and the other was a nephew of the owner of Shoridan Electric Company, 4203 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. [] noted that Twin Foods Products Company had been receiving a lot of publicity in the Chicago newspapers which revealed that racketeers and members of the underworld were connected with it. [] stated that he has heard also that [] and [] were formerly in the food business together.

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Some ADC personnel thought they also saw [] driving past the field where the cars

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were stored on March 7, 1961. Acting on the belief that [] and [] would probably meet at some restaurant along the highway, [] and some ADC men drove along until they came to a restaurant, whose name he does not recall. Upon entering the restaurant, they noted that [] was sitting at one end of the counter and that the other man, who had been with him in the car, was sitting at the other end. [] was not in sight, but [] noted that the washroom door was locked and believing him to be in the washroom called to him. He received no answer and never did actually see either [] or [] at this restaurant. Finally, [] produced the missing car keys which he apparently had in the car in which he had ridden to the restaurant.

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[] also related that on February 27, 1961, [] who is connected with an auto auction in Chicago and also with [] of Wausau, Wisconsin, contacted [] and told him that he knew of a \$300,000.00 inventory of cars and asked [] if he was interested. [] said that he did not have the money and was not interested. [] however, contacted a Ford dealer in Thorp, Wisconsin to see if he was interested. The partners in the Thorp dealership were [] and [] (phonetic). They expressed interest in the deal and on March 6, 1961, a meeting with respect to the cars was set up at the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [] believed the meeting was in Room 1744. [] and [] attended this meeting and talked to three people, one of whom represented himself to be the head of SHF (probably [] and one of whom was believed to be PHIL ALDERISIO. The deal was so good that [] made arrangements to contact his attorney. [] phone number [] and [] left the Schroeder Hotel and after discussing the matter with [] told them to forget about it. They returned to the Schroeder Hotel room and declined to make the deal. [] stated that originally 175 cars were offered for sale but that in subsequent discussion, only 125 cars were offered.

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[] and [] went to the Milwaukee Airport after this meeting, where they were met by a thug who threatened them to keep quiet about the hotel room meeting. [] was scared enough to have himself placed in the Wausau, Wisconsin jail for protection upon his return home.

[] stated that according to some of the testimony taken in the 21A hearings of the Sterling-Harris bankruptcy, [] a salesman for SHF, contacted [] a partner in Courtesy Motors, East Chicago, Indiana on about Sunday, February 26, 1961. [] asked [] to get drivers for him to move some cars. [] told [] his partner and [] a salesman at Courtesy Motors about it. On Saturday, March 4, 1961, [] arranged for the drivers who were described as "hillbillies and high school kids", about eighteen in number. On Sunday, March 5, 1961, at about 2:00 PM, the drivers and [] and [] went to Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on Cicero Avenue, where they were told by a man initially identified by [] and [] as LEO RUGENDORF to go to a lot at Narragansett and Grand Avenues, where they were to pick up the cars to be transported. The man identified as [] also later appeared at the lot on Narragansett and Grand and gave instructions as to what was to be done. [] stated that [] and [] at a 21A hearing held on April 4, 1961, backed down on their identification of LEO RUGENDORF. [] advised that cars had already been pulled out of the lot onto the street when the car hikers arrived and they were told to follow [] who drove a Ford bus. They moved cars until 5:00 AM, Monday, March 6, 1961. Five cars were left on the lot because they could not be started. The car movers were paid by Courtesy Motors by checks amounting to about \$300.00 in all. [] advised that [] had testified that [] had told him that the cars had been sold to J & R Leasing Company. [] added that there is no such leasing company as far as he has been able to determine.

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[redacted] advised that SHF leased the premises at 2626 North Cicero Avenue, from [redacted] the former owner of the [redacted] automobile agency. As one of the conditions of the lease, SHF was required to deposit \$35,000 with [redacted] who was in Palm Springs, California at the time the SHF cars were moved. [redacted] stated that either [redacted] or [redacted] of ADC contacted [redacted] telephonically in Palm Springs and he rushed back to Chicago. On Saturday, March 11, 1961, [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] told [redacted] that he had received a phone call from PHIL ALDERISIO on March 9, 1961, and that ALDERISIO told [redacted] that he had better meet with [redacted] and [redacted] on the following day, March 10, 1961, and to give them the \$35,000. [redacted] told [redacted] that the caller threatened [redacted] wife and family if he did not comply with this demand. [redacted] in compliance with this demand, met with [redacted] at the Pie Pan Restaurant on Cicero Avenue in Chicago on the following morning, Friday, March 10, 1961. [redacted] told [redacted] that he could not raise \$35,000 but would be able to get \$25,000. They agreed to meet at the same place later on the same day. [redacted] returned that same afternoon and gave a \$25,000 check drawn on his account at the Exchange National Bank of Chicago to [redacted] and [redacted]. This check was made out to Sterling-Harris Ford. All of the above information regarding the lease payment came to [redacted] from [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he is not sure that [redacted] would be willing to repeat it because he seems to be afraid of some of the people allegedly involved in this bankruptcy.

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According to [redacted] told [redacted] and [redacted] that "it was the cars or his life" which they interpreted to mean that he had to sell the cars to get cash with which to pay off members of the underworld, although [redacted] did not specifically state this to be the case in so many words, nor did he mention any individuals by name.

[] advised that as far as he has been able to ascertain from testimony given at the 21A hearings and from other sources, all of the sales made by SHF on the weekend of March 4 and March 5, 1961, were made for cash and were handled by [] who apparently had instructed all of the salesman to refer all prospective purchasers to him. He stated that [] a porter employed at SHF has testified that LEO EUGENDORF was at SHF on March 3, 1961, talking with []. He also stated that [] porter, 1519 East 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois, identified [] of Twin Foods as being in one of the SHF offices on March 4 and March 5, 1961, during the time that all sales were being made for cash.

[] advised that a [] of Derwyn Motors, who has a partner named [] is supposed to have purchased 11 cars from SHF on March 5, 1961, for about \$15,000 cash.

[] stated he has heard that some of the purchasers of new cars for cash on SHF's last weekend, were minor employees of Twin Foods.

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[] advised that on the cash deals which were made on March 4 and March 5, 1961, the customers were given the certificates of origin which they would need before any certificates of title could be issued to them. Certificates of origin on other cars presently unaccounted for are missing.

According to [] and [] both of whom worked on SHF's books, said no transactions were recorded in the books since March 1, 1961,

[] advised that [] receiver in the SHF bankruptcy has the bankrupt's books in his office at 105 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. He also advised that the books were in an office at 2523 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, when they were taken over by []. He also advised that the SHF premises had reportedly been broken into on March 3 and March 10, 1961, but he does not know what, if anything, was taken.

[] additionally informed that some of the drivers who were driving SHF cars to Park City, Illinois, had been arrested in one of the northern suburban towns for driving cars without license plates. He stated that their cases were to be heard by a Lake County Justice of the Peace in Waukegan, Illinois. He also advised that a \$670.00 cash bond had been posted by a [] Illinois, on behalf of the arrested drivers.

[] stated that ADC had been able to obtain an injunction through the bankruptcy court by which the Secretary of State of Illinois was enjoined from issuing any certificates of title on cars sold by SHF on its last weekend of operation. He stated that ADC is advised by the Secretary of State's Office whenever any title application is received on a car sold for SHF.

[] advised that ADC will prepare a current list showing the status of all the cars which were on the March 3, 1961, car check, showing if the cars were recovered, sold or still unaccounted for. [] stated that he would make sure that this list would be legible, noting that preliminary lists furnished to the U. S. Attorney's Office bore many illegible serial numbers. He also stated that transcripts were being made of the testimony taken in the 21A hearings in the SHF bankruptcy and that he would make those available to this office.

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On April 13, 1961, [] advised SAA HENRY A. HIRSCHENBERGER that with respect to the \$25,000 check issued to SHF by [] he had learned that an attempt had been made to cash this check at the American National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, apparently by Sterling and Harris, however, the bank would not cash the check unless an account was opened, so an account was reportedly opened in the name of Sterling-Harris Ford on the same day that the bankruptcy petition was filed against it. The funds were immediately withdrawn apparently by a check issued to [] an attorney with offices at [] Chicago,

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Illinois. [redacted] stated that he had gone to school with [redacted] and that [redacted] is presently confined to the Bethesda Hospital, Evanston, Illinois, with a heart attack. [redacted] added that [redacted] is married to [redacted] sister.

[redacted] also furnished a list which he said incorporated all the information ADC had been able to accumulate on the cars which were sold out of trust or have been completely unaccounted for.

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Date March 8, 1961

[redacted] Park City Police Department, part-time officer, advised as follows:

On the evening of Sunday, March 5, 1961, he was called to duty by Assistant Chief [redacted] who told him that a number of 1961 Fords, being put for lease, were going to be parked on property of [redacted] located just across the overpass from the Park City Police Station, and that for assistance rendered in overseeing the project and protecting the cars, they were going to get paid by the auto company. At the scene, he and [redacted] talked with [redacted] (phonetic), white male, 5'6" to 5'8" tall, 165, in his 50's, and with very poor eyesight, who already had some 1960 and 1961 Fords parked in the swamp area on [redacted] property. Each car bore a window sticker showing price and as being property of Sterling Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero, Chicago.

[redacted] remained on duty throughout the night, during which [redacted] himself drove at least two cars in from Chicago, via Edens Expressway and old Route 41. There were two sets of drivers, one set comprised of twelve and the other of thirteen men, all pretty young, and some of them rather rough-looking. Among them were two fellows from Courtesy Motors, East Chicago, Indiana. They told of the arrest by State Police at Northbrook, Illinois, en route out with the cars, for not having proper driver's licenses, or for having no licenses on the cars. Their bond was put up before a Magistrate HAMBURG (phonetic) in Northbrook.

[redacted] took one crew of drivers into Waukegan to catch a yellow cab, at Washington and Genesee Streets, back to Chicago to make their second trip. He took a second group to another cab, name not recalled, in Waukegan, to likewise go back to Chicago. Each was getting \$10.00 for each car driven out, and the entire operation, from the foregoing, appeared legitimate.

By 9:00-10:00 a.m., March 6, 1961, the transfer of cars from Chicago was completed, and there was a total of 114 1960 and 1961 Fords parked, in full view from the Route 120 overpass, all on [redacted] property.

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On Monday, March 6, 1961, [] and [] removed the keys from the most accessible row of cars, so that no one would take them. Later [] removed Indiana license plates from two of the cars; one of the plates was 1961 Indiana [] and the other was 1960 Indiana []. [] still has these in his possession. None of the cars appeared to have dealer's plates.

While [] did not handle the transaction, he was aware that on the night of March 6, 1961, or early March 7, 1961, men from Associates Discount, Chicago, came out and claimed ownership of the cars. On the morning of March 7, 1961, writ of replevin was served on [] and the cars were all taken into Waukegan for storage.

There was no indication that any of the cars brought out to Park City from Chicago were moved in any way, and [] had no personal knowledge that any similar Fords were transferred into Wisconsin on the night of March 5, 1961. However, Associates Discount men said that some cars were believed to have got into the hands of "Milwaukee PHIL," a hoodlum, and that they "might as well forget them." Later a Waukegan police sergeant (identified as []), who worked on the tollway gate, had seen some Fords with tow-bars going North into Wisconsin on Saturday night, March 4, 1961. b6 b7C

It was [] understanding that a man who runs the auto auction at Wausau, Wisconsin, had contacted [] a friend, and arranged for Sterling Harris Ford to store the cars on [] property.

He noted that [] who lives in Wilmette, acquired the slough property in question about two years ago, and since then has solicited people to dump most any kind of fill there, with the idea of eventually reclaiming the land for industrial use. There is a shack with the name "Highway Sales" on a sign thereon, on the [] property, but no one occupies this shack regularly. [] is a legitimate operator, as far as [] knows.

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Date March 8, 1961

[redacted] Assistant Chief of Police, Park City, advised as follows:

About 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 1961, a part-time policeman of his called attention to the fact that 18 to 20 new cars were parked on the blacktop road running parallel with and on the South Side of the East-West railroad overpass of Route 120, just opposite the Park City Police Station, but not within view. He went to check and found the cars, all 1961 model Fords, with a sticker on window of each identifying it as property of Sterling-Harris Ford, Chicago. At the scene he talked with one [redacted] (phonetic), who said he was a friend of [redacted] known by [redacted] as the owner of the property, and that the cars were going to be stored there temporarily as they were lease cars going out for delivery to lease dealers, such as Hertz and Avis. [redacted] said there would be over a hundred of them coming in during the night, and enlisted [redacted] cooperation to see that none of them were stolen. [redacted] told him that the cars would all have to be pulled onto [redacted] property and off the blacktop road, which is a public, though little-used road.

[redacted] checked with [redacted] who called back and talked to [redacted] wife. He said that the whole thing was legitimate; that [redacted] was a friend of his from long ago, and that a friend of [redacted] wanted to temporarily park the cars there, and he was accommodating them. He gave assurance that [redacted] and his partner would be reimbursed for any assistance they could render.

During the night of March 5, 1961, a total of 114 Fords of 1960 and 1961 model, were brought in, and were driven from Chicago via Route 41, and not the toll road. Some of the drivers were arrested by State Police at Northbrook and had to put up total of \$600.00 bond there; all of which gave indication that the cars themselves were legitimate. As a precautionary measure, [redacted] removed the ignition keys from the last row of cars, when the transfer job was completed about 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 6, 1961. Only drivers known to [redacted] were two fellows from

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[redacted] Courtesy Motors, East Chicago, Indiana", who talked about putting up the bond for the drivers arrested at Northbrook.

On Monday, March 6, 1961, the cars were all in full view from Route 120 and everything appeared to be in order. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Telephone [redacted] and who is personally known to [redacted] stopped by. He said something to the effect that the cars would not be there long, because a fellow from Wausau, Wisconsin, was going to arrange for their distribution. He said [redacted] would give [redacted] and his partner \$10.00 or \$15.00 apiece.

About 6:00 p.m., March 6, 1961, a Ford Salesman named [redacted] from Maywood, happened to drive by, and, noticing the cars, stopped at the Park City Police Department to inquire as to where they came from. They went to the cars and removed the sticker from the window of one, showing it to be a 1961 Ford, Serial Number 1G42V142641, from the Ford Assembly Plant, Chicago, and property of Sterling Harris Ford, Chicago. [redacted] said he was aware that Associates Discount in Chicago handled financing for this company, and said he was going to notify Associates Discount in case there was anything wrong. b6 b7C

The next thing [redacted] knew was when four men from Associates Discount, Chicago, headed by [redacted] came out early March 7, 1961, and said they had trust certificates for the cars, which their company had floor-planned to Sterling-Harris. They asked [redacted] to protect their interest in the cars while they checked with their attorneys as to what action to take. Later the same morning, they were joined by Attorney [redacted] Chicago, who at 9:00 a.m., March 7, 1961, filed a writ of replevin in Circuit Court, Waukegan.

Meantime, [redacted] of the Sterling-Harris Company showed up and, exhibiting certificates of origin to the cars, demanded the cars keys which had been removed by [redacted]. The keys were surrendered by [redacted]. Shortly thereafter, a deputy came to Park City to serve the writ of replevin on [redacted] or [redacted]. The latter locked himself in the bathroom of the Park City Restaurant, because he feared he was going to be arrested; however, he did surrender the keys to the cars through the bathroom window. Thereafter, on March 7, 1961, all the 114 cars were seized and taken to Waukegan for storage.

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It was [] feeling that [] was an innocent victim in the whole situation; however, he did not know. He noted that [] has another junk area which formerly was an outdoor theater at the Southeast corner of Route 41 and 173; however, check via helicopter by Associates Discount failed to locate any other cars stored in the area. Remark was made to [] by [] that "Milwaukee PHIL" had some of the cars, but they could not expect to get them back. Also, on March 7, 1961, [] received a call from his office and indicated that some more of the missing cars had been located around Chicago.

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[] had no direct knowledge of any of these cars being transferred to Wisconsin.

Date March 20, 1961

On March 10, 1961, [redacted]
Street, Chicago, furnished the following information to
SA [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has been employed for approximately two years by Sterling Harris Ford as a foreman of car porters. He explained that it is the function of the porters to process cars for customers after they have been sold by the company. [redacted] worked from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., on March 4 and 5, 1961.

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He recalled that on Saturday, March 4, 1961, approximately 10 to 15 cars were sold at Sterling Harris Ford and processed by the porters while he was on duty. Among these cars were two new 1961 models namely a Ford Thunderbird and a Falcon and a used 1961 Ford truck.

[redacted] a car dealer who maintains a lot on [redacted] in Chicago, bought approximately 12 late model used cars.

[redacted] related that while he was on duty on Sunday, March 5, 1961, approximately 40 cars bought used and new were sold.

A dealer by the name of [redacted] who runs the [redacted] on [redacted] Avenue purchased 29 late model used cars. [redacted] stated that he did not know what prices were paid for these cars as it is his function to see that they are cleaned up for the customers.

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He stated that when he left work at 5:30 p.m., on March 4 and 5, 1961, his job was taken over by [redacted] (phonetic), the Service Manager.

After he had been shown a photograph of LEO RUGENDORF, [redacted] stated that he was not acquainted with this individual but that he recalled having seen him at Sterling Harris Ford on Friday, March 3, 1961. [redacted] related that at about 5:30 p.m., on that day, RUGENDORF picked up his car, a 1957 red Ford Thunderbird which had been in the Sterling Harris Ford Garage for

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repairs of a smashed fender and grill. [] stated that he personally had brought this car from the wash rack to the front of the Sterling Harris Ford building for RUGENDORF after it had been washed.

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[] related that he was off Monday, March 6, 1961. He returned to work on Tuesday, March 7, 1961, at which time he noticed that approximately 350 new cars which had been parked at the "Brick yard" at 7800 West Fullerton, Chicago, and approximately 115 cars which had been in the Sterling Harris Ford parking lot were no longer there.

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On March 14, 1961, [] was interviewed at Ten-Sol Illinois Manufacturing Company, 2523 North Cicero Avenue. Present at this time with [] were [] and [] all employees of the Sterling-Harris Ford Company and [] advised that as they were business associates of his he desired they be present during the interview.

[] was advised that he need not make any statements, that any statement he did make could be used as evidence against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney. He stated that he desired to answer no questions, however, he was willing to be interviewed in the presence of his attorney, whom he identified as [] Chicago, Illinois and stated he would be available at [] office at 10:00 AM on March 15, 1961. b6 b7C

[] furnished the following information, however:

He advised that his true name is [] He stated that [] is [] the Sterling-Harris Ford Company and that he is the only other officer, being [] He stated there are no outside backers or hidden interests within the Sterling-Harris Ford Company and that the Sterling-Harris Ford Company and officers of the company personally have no outside obligations of any consequence other than to Associates Discount Corporation.

He advised that all of the new 1960 and 1961 model cars which were on the Sterling-Harris Ford Company lots just prior to the weekend of March 4-5, 1961, were sold by the Sterling-Harris Ford Company over the weekend of March 4-5, 1961. He advised that all of these cars were sold at a profit, however slight, and not in violation of Sterling-Harris Trust Agreement with Associates Discount Corporation.

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He advised that about 115 of these cars were to be sold to a leasing company in Wisconsin and were transported to Park Lake, Illinois in contemplation of the deal, however, Associates Discount Corporation prematurely replevined the cars and the deal fell through. He refuses to identify the leasing company to which those cars were to be sold.

He advised that records were made concerning the sales of all the other cars sold on the weekend of March 4-5 and these records were in his office at Sterling-Harris Ford Company when Associates Discount Corporation moved in. He stated that he thinks Associates Discount Corporation took the records. He stated that without these records he had no way of knowing to whom the cars were sold.

He advised that usually Associates Discount Corporation allowed his company about seven days to forward them the papers relative to the sale of a car, however, in this case they moved in the day after some of the cars were sold, according to [redacted] without cause.

He advised that he and [redacted] in June, 1959, purchased what is now known as Howard-Perry Studebaker with a capitalization of \$23,000.00. In March, 1960 they sold out to [redacted] and [redacted] current owners of Howard-Perry Studebaker. [redacted] and [redacted] received \$15,000.00 on the sale, made a loan of \$100,000.00 from Associates Discount Corporation and went into business as Sterling-Harris Ford Company, Incorporated.

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He advised that the Howard-Perry Studebaker Company is the same company which suffered a fire on the night of March 13-14, 1961 and that this company is also financed by Associates Discount Corporation.

He admitted being acquainted with LEO RUGENDORF and PHIL ALDERISIO but declined to comment on their relationship without benefit of his attorney. He denied that any pressure had been put on him by these or any other persons for any reasons.

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He advised he had been arrested for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor in about 1952 and for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses in 1960, but both of these were local arrests and the cases were dismissed.

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[redacted] of the Sterling-Harris Ford Company, was present during an interview with [redacted] also known as [redacted] of the Sterling-Harris Ford Company, conducted on March 14, 1961, at Ten Sol Illinois Manufacturing Company, 2523 North Cicero Avenue. Upon conclusion of the interview with [redacted] was asked if he was acquainted with LEO RUGENDORF and PHIL ALDERISIO. He stated that he knew RUGENDORF and that he had heard of ALDERISIO but that was as far as it went.

[redacted] stated he had no arrest record other than possibly a traffic citation.

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The following investigation at Chicago, was conducted by SA [] on March 8, 1961:

[] Continental Auto Delivery, Incorporated, 32 West Randolph, Chicago, advised that his firm did not furnish any drivers for Sterling - Harris Ford over the weekend of March 4, and 5, 1961. He stated that the last business he did with Sterling - Harris Ford was in February, 1961, at which time [] firm transported two Thunderbirds to Los Angeles, California, which were apparently for delivery to FRANK SINATRA. In this connection he made available two undated auto delivery agreements which revealed the following information:

The first agreement reflects that a 1961 Ford Thunderbird, Motor Number 1Y71Z128632, was picked up at Sterling - Harris Ford Dealers, 2626 North Cicero, Chicago, on February 21, 1961, for delivery to Reprise Records, 83080 Melrose, Los Angeles, California, attention [] or SINATRA. The driver was [] home address [] Chicago, phone []

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The second agreement reveals that a 1961 Ford Thunderbird, Motor Number 1Y71212831, was picked up at Sterling - Harris Ford, 2626 North Cicero, Chicago, on February 18, 1961, for delivery to Reprise Records, 83080 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California, by Continental Auto Delivery, Incorporated. The driver of this car was [] age 43, home address [] Chicago, Illinois.

[] stated that the only two auto delivery businesses who could furnish a large number of drivers on short notice were Seko Auto Hikers, 9137 South Houston, Chicago, and the Greater Chicago Auto Auction, 7750 South Cicero, Chicago.

[] the Greater Chicago Auto Auction, advised that all deliveries for the auction are made by the Cathy Driveaway, 7754 South Cicero, Chicago.

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The following auto delivery businesses were contacted and upon contact advised that they had not furnished any drivers to Sterling - Harris Ford over the weekend of March 4 - 5, 1961:

[redacted] Driver,
Cathy Driveaway,
7754 South Cicero,
Chicago, Illinois

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Wilson Driveaway,
3153 North Broadway
Chicago, Illinois

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[redacted] Clerk,
AAA Driveaway, Inc.,
343 South Dearborn,
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] Secretary,
Seko Auto Hikers,
9137 South Houston,
Chicago, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

Chief Investigator [] Lake County
Sheriff's Office, Waukegan, advised SA GRAN; March 8, 1961,
that Deputy [] on the morning of March 7, 1961,
served writ of replevin, whereby the 114 Fords stored at
[] Park City, were seized and placed in storage
at Spero Motors, Waukegan. Half-million dollar bond for
the writ, filed in Circuit Court, was posted by []
Waukegan insurance broker, representing United States
Fidelity and Guarantee Company.

[] said he had no knowledge of any cars having
been transferred interstate in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF, on March 8, 1961:

[] Collector in Charge, Tri-State Tollway,
State Line Toll Gate (only toll gate North of Park City, Illinois),
furnished the identity of collectors working March 5-6, 1961.

[] of Waukegan, Tri-State Tollway Gate,
Wadsworth, Illinois, advised he was on duty 8:00 a.m., to
4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 1961, but saw nothing significant.

[] Edward Road and Grand Avenue, Gurnee,
Illinois, advised he was on duty at State Line Toll Gate
from 4:00 p.m., to midnight, March 5, 1961, as collector
in charge and as relief for [] only regular collector
that shift. He saw nothing pertinent.

[] Waukegan Police Officer, who works part-
time as toll-collector, advised he was only collector on
duty at state line stop in North Bound lanes between 4:00 p.m.
and midnight, Sunday, March 5, 1961. He recalled that about
a dozen new cars, the makes of which he was not certain, went
through during his shift that night. Each car had a paper
on the rear window indicating it was a new car. Each was
driven by a young driver. He could not recall the state
license but believed the cars bore dealer plates.

[] Waukegan Police Sergeant, advised
he was on duty as collector between 4:00 p.m. and midnight,
Saturday, March 4, 1961, and from midnight to 8:00 a.m.,
Monday, March 6, 1961, at the state line toll stop. Both
nights about eight to ten new cars went North. The cars
had license plates from Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, and
Wisconsin, and came through at different times, rather than
in a group. He thought this suspicious inasmuch as all
the drivers seemed to watch him closely as they passed
through. He did not know if the cars were Fords.

Date April 27, 1961

[redacted] Associates Discount Corporation (ADC), who is assigned to the South Bend, Indiana, headquarters of ADC and who advised that he is a former Special Agent of the FBI, furnished the following information on April 19, 1961:

He advised that he did not participate personally in the early phases of the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. bankruptcy. He stated that currently he is assigned to handle this matter for ADC and is devoting a great deal of his time to this matter in an effort to locate and possibly repossess some of the cars presently unaccounted for. He stated that the initial contacts in the Chicago and Waukegan areas were handled by [redacted] who is an attorney assigned to the Chicago ADC office.

[redacted] advised that about one week after the Sterling-Harris cars had been moved to Park City, Illinois, he interviewed [redacted] of Park City, Illinois, on whose premises 112 Sterling-Harris cars were recovered. [redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that he had received a telephone call on March 4, 1961, from [redacted] who operates an auto auction in Wausau, Wisconsin. [redacted] said that [redacted] had informed him that he was purchasing some cars from a finance company and wanted a place to store the cars temporarily. [redacted] claimed that he dealt entirely with [redacted] on this transaction and that he did not deal with [redacted] or [redacted]. [redacted] claimed to have no further information other than that set out above.

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[redacted] advised that as of April 19, 1961, 112 cars had been recovered by ADC from [redacted] lot at Park City, Illinois. He stated that 96 cars were presently unaccounted for, including 76 new cars, 16 used cars and 4 demonstrators. Of the 112 cars recovered at Park City,

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105 were new and 7 were demonstrators. He stated that 15 new cars had been recovered by ADC at Sterling-Harris place of business or on the streets in the immediate area. Twenty-three used cars had been recovered on the Sterling-Harris lot. He stated that another 25 used cars had been accounted for by ADC by sales made by Sterling-Harris to dealers on Sunday, March 5, 1961. [] advised that most of the information received to date regarding the location of cars that ADC was interested in, had come from the office of the Secretary of State of Illinois.

[] advised that ADC floor planned the new car purchases of Sterling-Harris through a trust receipt arrangement whereby Sterling-Harris was required to issue a trust receipt on each new car acquired from the Ford Motor Company which was financed by ADC. He stated that the trust receipt arrangement created a valid lien on the cars in favor of ADC. He stated, however, that in any instance in which a third party purchased a Sterling-Harris car and paid for it, ADC would have no valid claim against the purchaser and would be unable to seize or otherwise attempt to recover the car.

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[] advised that he has obtained information from [] and [] both of whom are ADC officials, with respect to the transaction whereby [] who leased the premises to Sterling-Harris Ford was approached and asked to repay the \$35,000 deposit to STERLING and HARRIS. [] stated that he had been told by these officials that [] claimed to have been threatened by Milwaukee PHIL ALDERISIO to make this repayment or suffer the consequences. He stated that [] met with STERLING and HARRIS and offered them \$25,000 as a refund of their deposit on this lease. He advised that [] drew a check for \$25,000 on his personal account at the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, which was made payable to Sterling-Harris Ford.

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He advised that [] who is a commercial officer at the American National Bank, has some information regarding the aforementioned transaction. [] advised that as he understands it, [] and [] attempted to cash [] check at the American National Bank and Trust Company, but were told that they would have to open an account. He stated that they did open an account and apparently immediately drew a check on this new account in the amount of \$25,000 which was made payable to [] who is reportedly a brother-in-law of [].

[] advised that [] has been confined to a hospital in Evanston, Illinois, with a heart attack. [] stated that he has no information as to what happened to the funds after they went into [] account. He advised that the aforementioned account of Sterling-Harris at the American National Bank and Trust Company was opened on about March 13, 1961.

[] additionally advised that he has heard rumors that [] who has been the subject of considerable unfavorable publicity in the Chicago newspapers linking him with the hoodlum element, was supposedly seen at [] home at about the time that the Sterling-Harris cars were moved from its premises. He also advised that [] reportedly was employed at Sterling-Harris Ford as a secretary. He did not know what relationship existed between [] and [].

[] advised that should he receive any information bearing on this case, he would immediately contact this office and he promised his full cooperation in this matter.

On April 21, 1961, [] telephonically advised that he had just received information from his South Bend office that two of the Sterling-Harris cars presently unaccounted for had been sold by Mars Oldsmobile of

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Chicago, Illinois, to one [redacted] who presumably is a dealer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He advised that this sale reportedly was made for a total of \$600 below dealer's cost. He further advised that he did not have the serial numbers or other descriptive data on those two cars.

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[redacted] Associates
Discount Corporation (ADC), 5947 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

He advised that his first knowledge of the irregularities at the Sterling-Harris Ford agency came on March 4, 1961. He stated that on that evening he received a telephone call from [redacted] who owned the premises at [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and leased them to Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. [redacted] called [redacted] from Palm Beach, California. He stated that he had been spending his vacation with a [redacted] David Motors, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which is across the street from the Sterling-Harris agency. [redacted] in turn had received a telephone call from one of his employees who told him that there appeared to be some unusual activity at the Sterling-Harris agency on March 4, 1961. [redacted] relayed this information to [redacted] as a friendly tip with the thought that if anything unusual was going on [redacted] might be in a position to check it out. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that upon receipt of this information he drove from his home on the far South Side of Chicago to the Sterling-Harris Ford agency which was closed. He advised that in making a visual examination of the premises he was unable to detect anything unusual and proceeded to go home. However, on the morning of March 6, 1961, having been somewhat disturbed by the telephone call of Saturday evening, he relayed the information to [redacted] ADC, with the suggestion that perhaps they should make a car check of the Sterling-Harris Ford inventory. He suggested this car check although he knew that a car check had been made by [redacted] of ADC, as of March 3, 1961 and no irregularities had been noted.

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He advised that he went to the Sterling-Harris Ford premises at about 9:00 AM on March 6, 1961, accompanied by [] another ADC employee, and upon arriving there found only three cars in the showroom. A quick check of the used car lot revealed that it had been stripped and that only a few cars remained in the lot. He talked to [] a bookkeeper, and [] told him he did not know what was going on. He also talked to some of the Sterling-Harris salesmen and porters on the premises without obtaining any information. He stated that the certificates of origin and titles on the cars which should have been in inventory, were missing. He advised that he did see some of Sterling-Harris' books on the premises but of course does not know if the books were complete. He stated he attempted to contact [] and [] but was unable to do so. He advised that he tried to call [] at his home and [] wife answering the call told him that [] had left early that morning for work and she apparently was surprised that he had not made his appearance at the agency.

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He advised that [] ADC's attorney and [] located some deal bags in the Sterling-Harris office which indicated that about 25 used cars had been sold to AAA Motors on North Cicero Avenue, that about 10 cars had been sold to Jay-Cee Motors, which is owned by [] that about 6 cars had been sold to Junacko Motors, owned by [] and that 7 cars had been sold to Dobbs Motors, owned by [] of [] Avenue, Chicago. With respect to the 7 cars sold to Dobbs Motors he advised that ADC had floor planned only two of the 7 cars.

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He advised that upon contacting [] of AAA Motors, [] advised him that he had been dickering with [] on the purchase of some Thunderbirds but had been unable to reach any agreement.

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because he thought the price [] asked for them was too high. However, on Sunday, March 5, 1961, [] called [] and worked out three separate deals totaling 25 cars which [] agreed to purchase because [] price was very attractive. [] believed that the amount of money involved was around \$35,000 to \$37,000 and that upon contacting [] who had issued a check to Sterling-Harris Ford, in payment of these cars, [] agreed to stop payment on the check to Sterling-Harris and to reissue a check to ADC for the same amount.

[] advised that he also contacted [] of Jay-Coe Motors, who told him that a friend, whom he would not identify, brought him to the Sterling-Harris Ford agency on Sunday, March 5, 1961. [] stated that he bought 10 cars but that he only had \$1000 and that his unnamed friend vouched for him and was supposed to pay the balance due on the cars amounting to \$2000 or \$3000. [] also advised [] that he took delivery of only 9 of the cars since one of the cars had something wrong with it and could not be started.

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Upon subsequent contact with [] advised [] that his unnamed friend who referred him to Sterling-Harris had come in for the balance of his money, apparently having paid or claiming to have paid the balance due on the cars. [] told [] that he did not have the money and that this unnamed person took all 9 cars involved in this deal. [] stated that he has determined that the cars involved went to Auto Town, a used car dealer in Maywood. [] further advised that ADC had attempted to replevin these cars but that they had been unable to locate the cars at either Jay-Coe Motors or Auto Town. [] stated that [] was "scared stiff" on the occasion of [] second contact with him.

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With respect to the cars purchased by [redacted] [redacted] advised that these were all older cars in payment for which he had given Sterling-Harris Ford draft envelopes on his bank. Upon being contacted by [redacted] stopped payment on the drafts and reissued a check to ADC in payment for these cars.

[redacted] continued that ADC was unable to locate any further cars during the day of March 6, 1961, but at about 7:00 or 7:30 that evening they received information from [redacted] a Ford Motor Company representative, to the effect that one of [redacted] men had spotted about 114 Sterling-Harris cars on a lot near Waukegan, Illinois.

Immediately upon receipt of this call, [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to Park City, Illinois, where they found the cars referred to by [redacted] stored in a lot owned by [redacted]. The Park City Police advised the ADC officials that the cars had started to arrive at about 8:00 or 8:30 PM on Sunday, March 5, 1961. [redacted] was one of the individuals that the Park City Police talked to and he advised them the cars were being stored in this lot for a day or so and that they were being sold to the R & R Leasing Company. According to the Park City Police, the cars kept coming in all during the night of March 5, 1961.

[redacted] advised that on Tuesday morning March 7, 1961, ADC obtained a writ of replevin covering the cars at Park City, Illinois. He stated that [redacted] of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, accompanied by some ADC officials, proceeded to the Park City, Illinois lot to serve the writ. Upon arrival they discovered that [redacted] and two or three other individuals had been at the lot and had made an attempt to start moving the cars. He stated that [redacted] displayed the certificates of origin on some of the cars to the Park City Police as

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evidence of his ownership of these cars. However, the Park City Police told [] that he would have to wait until the ADC men arrived since there appeared to be a very definite difference of opinion as to the ownership of the cars. [] and the men with him then proceeded to pull out the keys of the cars parked in the first line of the lot, thereby blocking the removal of any of the cars.

[] stated that upon arriving at the Park City lot where the cars were stored and discovering that the keys had been removed, efforts were made to locate []. They proceeded to a restaurant which he believed was located on U.S. 41. In this restaurant, they located a [] and a [] who had been with [] at the parking lot. [] advised that he never actually saw [] at this restaurant but added that the washroom door was locked and it was believed that [] had hidden himself in the washroom although he would not answer to any attempts which were made to call to him. He stated that the ADC officials who had now been joined by about seven squads of police remained at this restaurant for about an hour and a half in an attempt to get the keys to the cars from []. He stated that finally the window in the washroom in the back of the restaurant was opened and the keys were thrown out. He added that he did not see [] throw these keys out nor did he see [] at any time in the washroom. ADC thereupon proceeded to replace the cars.

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[] added that on March 10, 1961 ADC acting on information received from an unidentified colored man, was able to repossess three new Fords which apparently had been purchased by [] of Berwyn Motors.

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He advised that he believed the informant on this was probably an employee of [redacted] reportedly purchased 10 new cars from Sterling-Harris Ford on March 5, 1961, for which he paid \$15,000 in cash and reportedly gave a note for \$7000.

[redacted] further advised that on Saturday, March 11, 1961, he received a telephone call from [redacted] asking him, [redacted] and [redacted] to meet with [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] gave him the following information in confidence:

[redacted] returned to his home on the previous Thursday night, March 9, 1961. Upon his arrival at home he received a phone call from a man with a very husky voice. The phone caller described [redacted] movements for the last several days exactly including times he left Palm Springs, the cabs that he took, the details of his arrival at Chicago and in general gave [redacted] the impression that his every movement had been watched for several days. The phone caller also told [redacted] that he knew everything about his background and mentioned enough details regarding [redacted] wife and three daughters to convince [redacted] that he actually did know quite a bit about him. The phone caller then referred to the \$35,000 deposit which had been made by [redacted] and [redacted] when they rented the premises at 2623 North Cicero Avenue from [redacted]. The phone caller told [redacted] to meet [redacted] and [redacted] on Friday morning, March 10, 1961, at the Pic Pan Restaurant which is located at Cicero and Foster Avenues with \$35,000. [redacted] protested that he would be unable to make this meeting and the phone caller then told him that "You had better meet him" and the implication was clear to [redacted] that he had better go through with the meeting unless he wanted harm to come to his wife and daughters. [redacted] stated that the phone caller identified himself as PHIL ALDERISIO.

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[] advised [] that he had heard that PHIL ALDERISIO supposedly had lent quite a bit of money to [] and []

[] further advised [] that he went to the Pie Pan Restaurant on March 10, 1961, at about 9:30 in the morning and that he was soon joined by [] told [] that he wanted \$35,000 in cash and said that the matter was out of his hands. [] pointed out to [] that the rent had not been paid for March and that [] was not entitled to the \$35,000 but agreed to refund \$25,000 to him. [] arranged to meet [] later on the same date at the same place. [] called his attorney after this meeting and after this call issued a check payable to Sterling-Harris Ford Inc. and to [] and [] individually in such a way that the check would require three endorsements and would serve as a release on the lease hold. Subsequently, on the same date [] then met with [] and [] and gave them the \$25,000 check.

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Date April 21, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment, the [redacted] Incorporated, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Illinois
April 20, 1961

"I, [redacted] do hereby furnish this free and voluntary statement to Thomas F. Kelly, Jr., and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I was born on [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, and I reside at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. I am employed by the [redacted] Inc., [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

"I purchased a 1961 Ford Fairlane 500, four door sedan, light green in color, serial number 1F42V181599, on the afternoon of March 4, 1961, from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

"I was in the market for a new automobile inasmuch as my 1958 Plymouth was having motor trouble. I had been to two or three other automobile dealers in the Chicago area looking to get a good trade in for my Plymouth.

"I first went to Sterling-Harris about 3:30 p.m. on March 4, 1961, and they offered me \$550.00 on a trade-in for my Plymouth. I thought that I could get a better price for my Plymouth so I left.

"I sold my Plymouth for \$700.00 cash to the Forman Motor Company, 2700 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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This money was in the form of a check payable to me.

"I then went back to Sterling-Harris and purchased my 1961 Ford Fairlane 500. When I purchased this automobile I endorsed the Forman Motors' check and wrote a personal check in the amount of \$780 and some change. I do not recall the exact amount at this time. I also obtained a \$900.00 loan on March 6, 1961, from the Park National Bank, Chicago, Illinois. This loan was secured from a [redacted] at that bank. The total purchase price for my 1961 Ford Fairlane 500 was \$2,380 and some cents. b6 b7C

"I gave both my personal check and the Forman Motors' check to a [redacted] of Sterling-Harris. I believe that [redacted] is his first name but I am not sure of this. I also gave [redacted] the cashier's check in the amount of \$900.00 which I had obtained on March 6, 1961, from the bank.

"I do not know who endorsed my personal check, drawn on the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, inasmuch as I do not have the check with me.

"I have all the papers that I received when I purchased my 1961 Ford at home and not with me. I received a Sales contract and a receipt for the \$1,480 and unrecalled cents when I purchased the automobile.

"I only have the State of Illinois transfer identification card, dated March 14, 1961, with me. This card reflects that the serial number is 1F42V181599.

"I will make available the sales contract, receipt, and cancelled check on April 21, 1961. I will bring these items in with me when I come to work tomorrow.

"I was told by my father, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, on the morning of March 4, 1961, that he had purchased a Ford Galaxie, four door, black, that morning from Sterling-Harris and that I should stop in and see if I could get a deal. b6 b7C

"As I recall it, there were three or four couples in the Sterling-Harris showroom when I went back the second time. I was not in the showroom very long the first time and I could not say if there were any persons other than the salespeople there at that time.

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"I have read this page and the four preceding pages,
and have initialed each page and any correction therein
and this statement is true and correct to the best of
my belief.

/s/

"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Chicago, 4/20/61
Thomas F. Kelly, Jr., Special Agent, FBI, Chicago, Illinois,
4/20/61."

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[redacted]
was recontacted at his place of employment, the Mc Carville Electric Supply Company, Inc., 6212 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and made available his copy of the bill of sale dated March 4, 1961 that he received from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., 2700 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised that the signed statement that he had furnished the preceeding day was not entirely correct. He stated that he did not write a personal check for \$780.50 but that he had this amount of cash saved to buy a fur coat for his wife. He continued that his father did not buy a car from Sterling-Harris, but that his brother-in-law [redacted] bought a 1961 Ford Fairlane 500 and a 1961 Ford four wheel drive truck.

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SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he had the right to consult the services of a lawyer and that he did not have to make any statement concerning this matter and that any statements he did make might be used in court.

[redacted] at this point requested some time in which to confer with his brother-in-law [redacted] in order to ascertain just what the facts are concerning his purchase of the 1961 Ford Fairlane 500, SN 1F42V181599.

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An examination of the bill of sale dated March 4, 1961 received from [redacted] was made. The following pertinent facts were noted:

1. Purchaser - [redacted]
Address - [redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Date of sale - March 4, 1961
Item purchased - 1961 Ford Fairlane 500, four door sedan, SN 1F42V-181559, color green, stock number 1038
2. Cash price - \$2300.00
Sales tax - 80.50
Total price \$2380.50
3. Cash on delivery - \$2380.50
Total credit - \$2380.50
Cash paid balance to be financed - \$0
4. Trade in - none
5. Bill of sale notarized on March 4, 1961, County of Cook, signature of notary public and seller illegible
6. Signature for Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. - [redacted]
7. Signature of purchaser - [redacted]

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It is to be noted that inasmuch as the bill of sale is dated and notarized on March 4, 1961 and the total cash received is \$2,380.50, that these facts are not in agreement with the information furnished by [redacted] on both April 20 and 21, 1961.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

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Name	[redacted]
	also known as [redacted]
Address	[redacted]
	Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Age	27 years
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'2½"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Build	Thin
Scars and Marks	Pock-marked face
Characteristics	Very nervous and has a tendency to stammer or stumble when speaking
Occupation	Salesman
Employer	[redacted]
	[redacted] Inc.
	[redacted]
	Chicago, Illinois
Marital Status	Married
Relatives:	
Wife	[redacted]
	Chicago, Illinois
Father	[redacted]
	Chicago, Illinois
Brother-in-law	[redacted]
	Chicago, Illinois

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[redacted] personally appeared at the Chicago FBI Office and advised that he had conferred with his brother-in-law [redacted] and his brother-in-law's attorney over the weekend. He stated that he had been advised by his brother-in-law's lawyer that he, [redacted] should not sign any more statements until the lawyer had an opportunity to read the statement.

At this point [redacted] was informed that inasmuch as his lawyer was not present with him, that a statement could be typed and a copy made available for examination by his lawyer, but in the interests of expedience it would be appreciated if he would disclose the facts at this time. It was pointed out, however, that he did not have to discuss the facts unless he was willing to discuss them and he stated he fully understood his legal rights in this matter and he did not want to have any "trouble with the FBI," and that he would be willing to discuss the facts concerning his purchase of his 1961 Ford Fairlane 500, SN 1F42V181599.

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Based on this understanding, the interview continued and [redacted] advised that he did not "shop around" to sell his 1958 Plymouth convertible and that his brother-in-law [redacted] handled the sale of his Plymouth to the Fohrman Motor Company, inasmuch as he, [redacted] was known there, inasmuch as he, [redacted] was the electrical contractor for Fohrman Motors.

[redacted] advised that he did not take his 1958 Plymouth to Sterling-Harris for a trade as his brother-in-law [redacted] took the car for him. He stated that it was his understanding that any cars that were to be purchased from Sterling-Harris were to be "for cash only."

[redacted] advised that his brother-in-law [redacted] telephonically advised on March 4, 1961 and told him that he had purchased a 1961 truck and a 1961 Ford from Sterling-Harris and that he had gotten a good deal from them. He stated that he, [redacted] further told him that he had gotten a good

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deal for his father [redacted] and that he should go to Sterling-Harris.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] drove him to the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency approximately 7:00 PM, March 4, 1961.

[redacted] advised that at that time he purchased the aforementioned 1961 Ford Fairlane 500; he stated that he paid \$780.50 in cash. He further stated that he gave the cash to [redacted] and received a bill of sale in the amount of \$2,380.50 which is the full amount of the purchase price.

[redacted] advised that on Sunday, March 5, 1961, he picked up his automobile and at that time he gave [redacted] an additional \$700 in cash. He stated that he had received this \$700 from his brother-in-law [redacted] as the proceeds for his 1958 Plymouth convertible which [redacted] sold to Fohrman Motors. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he went to the Park National Bank of Chicago, 2958 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago 18, Illinois, on March 6, 1961 and obtained a loan in the amount of \$900. He stated that he endorsed the cashier's check that he received at the bank and cashed it at the bank. He continued that his reason for not bringing the cashier's check to Sterling - Harris and then endorsing it in payment of the remaining \$900 still due on his automobile was that he did not want Sterling-Harris to know that he had to finance the automobile. He stated that he did not want them to think he did not have the available cash for this purchase.

[redacted] produced as proof that he had obtained the \$900 loan, a payment book of the Park National Bank of Chicago, account number A-1-4860, which contained 12 payments of \$78.80 each.

[redacted] advised that relative to the \$780.50 cash paid on March 4, 1961, that this entire amount was not from his personal savings. He explained that he had received \$200 from his father as a personal loan and that he had only saved \$580.50.

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[redacted] advised that relative to why he was given a bill of sale dated and notarized March 4, 1961, showing that he had paid \$2,380.50, when in fact he had only paid \$780.50 on that date that he could not understand why this bill of sale had been given to him. He stated he wished to point out that he did not received his automobile on March 4, 1961, but that he received it on March 5, 1961 after he had paid an additional \$700 in cash and inasmuch as his brother-in-law, [redacted] was the electrical contractor for Sterling-Harris they trusted him for the remaining \$900 which he had promised he would get the next day.

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[redacted]
Fohrman Motors Company, 2700 West Madison, advised that a review of his company's cancelled checks for the month of March discloses that there is not a \$700 cancelled check payable to [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he recalled a 1953 Plymouth convertible being sold to his company in the early part of March, 1961. He stated, however, that the person who sold this automobile was not [redacted] but a [redacted]. He stated that he personally knows [redacted] inasmuch as he is the electrical contractor for Fohrman Motors Company.

[redacted] advised that an examination of his cash disbursements ledger for the month of March, 1961 discloses that check number 2209 was drawn in the amount of \$1,650 and was made payable to [redacted]. He stated that the details of this transaction reflects that this check was issued for the purchase of two automobiles, specifically a 1957 Lincoln Sedan and a 1953 Plymouth convertible. [redacted] advised that an examination of cancelled check number 2209, dated March 5, 1961, in the amount of \$1,650.00, payable to [redacted], reflects that this check was issued in payment of a purchase of a 1957 Lincoln sedan and a 1953 Plymouth convertible. He stated that the face of this check bears a bank stamp which indicates that this check was cashed on March 6, 1961 at the Park National Bank. He stated that this check is endorsed by [redacted] and there are no other endorsements.

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[redacted] advised that as he recalls the circumstances surrounding the purchase of the two automobiles, that [redacted] came to him and told him that both of these automobiles were owned by his father-in-law. He continued that [redacted] at that time told him his father-in-law was not going to drive an automobile any more due to his advanced age and impaired eyesight and for that reason would like to sell both of his automobiles.

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by SA [redacted] & THOMAS F. KELLY, Jr. D(4) of [redacted] 4/24/61

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[redacted] furnished
the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Illinois
April 21, 1961

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to Charles J. Melone and C. Earl Shaw, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to obtain this statement.

"I'm 41 years of age and reside with my mother and father at [redacted] Chicago, Ill.

"On Sunday March 5, 1961 I was driving on Cicero Avenue in Chicago when I noticed quite a few people in the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, 2700 North Cicero Avenue. As I was in the market for a new car, I stopped to look around. When I found a car I liked, I asked about the price. The man quoted what I considered to be a very good price but demanded cash. I then returned home where I had some cash on hand and then went back and bought the car. I bought a 1961 four door Fairlane 500 Ford for \$2,278.22. This car is Bronze in color and has serial number 1G42W143712. I believe this price was about \$200 cheaper than I could get at other Ford agencies.

"I am not acquainted with any of the salesmen or owners of the Sterling-Harris Agency and was not advised by anyone that cars were being discounted there on March 5, 1961.

"On Tuesday, March 7, 1961, I drove to Springfield, Illinois and registered this car and obtained certificate of title from the Secretary of State's Office.

"I read this statement of this and one other page. And it is true & correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"/s/ Charles J. Melone, Special Agent, FBI, Chicago, 4/21/61.
"/s/ C. Earl Shaw, Special Agent, FBI, Chicago, Ill. 4/21/61."

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[redacted] further related that he owns a 1953 Oldsmobile which has been costing him a lot of money for repairs. Accordingly he has been shopping around for a new car for sometime and thus, when Sterling-Harris offered what he considered to be a very good price, he did not feel he could pass up this offer. He denied receiving any advance knowledge of any sale at Sterling-Harris. He added that he told his brother [redacted] about his purchase and that [redacted] also went to Sterling-Harris on March 5th and bought a car.

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[redacted] denied that he was acquainted with anyone at Sterling-Harris and said he was not acquainted with LEO RUGENDORF, [redacted], [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] further related that he had also registered his brother's car at the Secretary of State's Office in Springfield, Illinois. He said he made this special trip to Springfield to register these cars when he heard radio broadcasts that several hundred cars were missing from the Sterling-Harris Agency.

Date April 25, 1961

[redacted] related the following:

On Sunday, March 5, 1961, he was informed by his brother [redacted] that he, [redacted] had just purchased a car at the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on North Cicero Avenue. [redacted] told him that Sterling-Harris was offering "real good deals" but would only accept cash. He said he has been in the market for a car for his wife for a long time and had planned to buy one at Courtesy Motors, however, he decided to check with Sterling-Harris. He added that his wife had saved some money for a trip to Florida and his mother also gave him money, giving him a total of \$2,000.00.

[redacted] further related that his brother [redacted] drove him over to Sterling-Harris, arriving there about 3:00 p.m. He said he purchased a 1961 tudor white Ford Falcon and paid \$1,811.80 or \$1,811.90 cash for this car. He claimed he was not acquainted with any employee or official of Sterling-Harris and, although the place was full, there was no one there that he knew. He said he was not acquainted with [redacted] LEO RUGENDORF, or [redacted]. He believes he saved about \$600 in purchasing this car for cash from Sterling-Harris in comparison with prices quoted from other dealers. b6 b7C

[redacted] was unable to produce a bill of sale, certificate of title or certificate of registration for this car, explaining that he bought it for his wife and that she has these documents. He said his wife [redacted] is presently on a trip to Florida with a girl friend and their young daughter and will be gone about two weeks. He declined to furnish his wife's whereabouts in Florida, stating that his wife is a highly nervous person and would be very upset if contacted by the FBI. He said he would produce these documents himself upon her return from Florida.

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[redacted] noted that this car was registered with the Secretary of State's Office in Springfield, Illinois, on March 7, 1961. He added that his brother [redacted] advised him that he, [redacted] was going to Springfield to register his car and he asked [redacted] to register the Falcon at the same time. He said that he himself does not own a car or has a driver's license.

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[redacted] informed that he is employed as a skilled laborer by the Cook County Highway Department with headquarters on Dallard Road, just west of Cawdered Road in Des Plaines, Illinois. He has been the Democratic [redacted] in the 28th Ward for the past 8 years and formerly worked as [redacted] for Judge WELLS and as [redacted] Alderman GIROLAMI of the 28th Ward.

April 24, 1961

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[redacted] Elmwood Park, Illinois, telephone [redacted] was interviewed at the Chicago Office and he advised as follows:

He had no knowledge that cars were being sold at discount prices by the Sterling - Harris Ford Agency. He believed he purchased his car the first of last month (March). He paid cash for the car out of money he used to run his business. After the purchase of the car, he borrowed \$1600 from the Lincoln National Bank, Chicago, in order to have working capital to continue the operation of his business.

His wife had been pressing him to get another car as she claimed she was isolated in the suburbs and had need of a car for herself. [redacted] shopped around at various car dealers, including Kewell Walker Motors, Incorporated, and Division Chevrolet Sales, and he determined, in his opinion, that the best deal he could get was at Sterling-Harris. He purchased the car for \$2686 and he believed it listed at \$3034. The car is a black 1961 four door Ford Galaxie. [redacted] did not know the name of the individual he dealt with at Sterling-Harris, but would know him if he saw him again. He did not know LEO RUGENDORF although he had heard and read about him in the newspapers.

[redacted] presently has the bill of sale and all other papers pertaining to the car at his home and indicated he will make them available for examination.

[redacted] is presently operating the tavern called the [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, and in the past has also driven part time as a cab driver for the Red Top Cab Company, which is owned by [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] is acquainted with both of these individuals, but advised that they did not refer him to Sterling-Harris with regard to purchasing a new car. [redacted] knew of no others who had purchased cars from Sterling-Harris.

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by SAs ROBERT F. BARRY and [redacted] Date dictated 4/21/61
[redacted] / sjb

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On April 21, 1961, [] made available a copy of his bill of sale at his residence in Elmwood Park. The bill of sale pertained to a 1961 black four door, 8 cylinder Ford, Serial Number 1F52W185683. The bill of sale showed the sales price of the car as \$2600, the tax at \$86, giving a total overall price of \$2686. The terms were cash and there was no trade-in. The date of the purchase of the car was March 4, 1961. The name of the salesman was unreadable, although the first letter in the name was H. The bill of sale was signed in the left hand corner by [] and it was also notarized on March 4, 1961, and the notary in this instance was []

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In addition, [] exhibited his auto registration for the State of Illinois. This registration was dated April 7, 1961, and in the center of the registration were carried the numbers 56/44879. His license number was given as []. The serial number was the same as that listed on the bill of sale and his driver's license number was given as C635-7411-8292. The registration was made out to [] (only), and his address was given as 2030 North 75th Street, Elmwood Park. The car was described as a Ford, four door, 8 cylinder, 45 horse power.

On the reverse side of the registration, a partial stamp was noted and it was determined that the stamp was that of a currency exchange. From the portions which could be read, it is believed that the currency exchange was the Chicago-Michigan Currency Exchange, 65 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Date April 21, 1961

[redacted] who is employed as a vending machine serviceman at Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Incorporated, 3651 West Armitage Avenue, was interviewed at his place of employment, at which time he furnished the following information in this matter:

[redacted] advised that he had purchased a 1961 four-door blue Ford Falcon from the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated on March 5, 1961. He produced his 1961 Illinois license for this automobile which reflected his license to be Number [redacted] and which described the vehicle licensed as a 1961 four-door cambodian blue Ford Falcon, six-cylinder, 29½ horsepower with Serial Number 1H12S143835.

[redacted] stated that the circumstances of the purchase were as follows:

On Saturday, March 4, 1961 his superior at Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Incorporated, [redacted] called him on the phone and told him that he could get a good deal on a car at Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. [redacted] stated that although he had a 1949 Plymouth and still has it, he had been interested for some time in purchasing another car. He declared that he went over to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated and talked to a salesman, name unknown to him, who discussed with him the prices of various cars and how much of a trade-in he would be given on his car. He stated this salesman wanted to finance the new car at first, but [redacted] stated he wanted a cash deal and eventually a price of \$1,864.36 was arrived at. [redacted] stated that this price was satisfactory to him as a comparable car at Courtesy Motors would have cost approximately \$2,000.00. [redacted] advised that he did not sign any papers on Saturday and cannot remember anything about the individual he talked with on that date. He declared that on Sunday, March 5, 1961, he went back to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated with the necessary cash and gave the money to another salesman whose name he did not know and who he said he could not describe, and the car was turned over to him.

[redacted] stated that he did not have to borrow the money to purchase the car as he had it available. He declared, however, that a few days after the purchase of the car he got a car loan on the car through the Merchants National Bank, Kedzie

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and Madison Streets, in the amount of \$1,200.00.

[] produced the bill of sale of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, dated March 5, 1961, which reflected that [] [] had purchased a 1961 Ford Falcon, four-door blue sedan, Stock Number 1196, Serial Number 1H129143835. The salesman was reflected as "House". According to the bill of sale the price of the foregoing car was \$1,864.36, which is inclusive of \$63.04 sales tax. It reflects that the price was paid in cash without a trade-in. The bill of sale was not notarized and was acknowledged for Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated by what appears to be the letter "G". The bill of sale was signed with the purchaser's name of [] [] A photostat was made of the original bill of sale and it was returned to []

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The photograph of LEO RUGENDORF was exhibited to [] as possibly being in the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated showroom on the dates of March 4 and 5, 1961, but he stated he had never seen this individual before.

[] advised that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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[redacted] telephone
SP 2-6286, who is employed as an outside salesman for the Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Inc., 3651 West Armitage, was interviewed at his place of employment at which time he furnished the following information in this matter.

[redacted] advised that he had purchased a 1961 Ford Falcon, 2 door, white station wagon on March 5, 1961, from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., 2700 North Cicero Avenue. He advised that circumstances of the purchase were as follows:

On March 5, 1961, a fellow employee, named [redacted] who resides in the same apartment building, told him he had just purchased a car at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. and had obtained a very good deal. He declared that, at that time, he had a 1953 Buick in poor condition and was looking for a better car. He said that he went over to the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. showroom by himself and talked to an individual over there about the purchase of a Ford Falcon station wagon. He declared that he finally decided upon a 2 door, Ford Falcon, cream colored station wagon at a price of \$2,277 including sales tax. He stated that the man he dealt with, whose name he did not know, was a white male, about 40 years of age, 5'8", approximately 175 lbs., with dark hair and dark eyes. He said this man asked him whether he was going to pay cash or finance the car, and told him he could get a better deal if he paid cash.

[redacted] advised that knowing he could get a better deal for cash he had already borrowed \$1,500 from his grandmother. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] and this sum, together with money which he had, was sufficient to close the deal. He stated that he turned this money over to the individual with whom he had made the deal in the confines of a private office in the showroom and received a bill of sale, a certificate of origin, and a certificate reflecting payment of sales tax. [redacted] declared that when he was in the showroom he noted about four or five salesmen and about six or seven customers.

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He declared that approximately a month ago he went to the Main State Bank of Chicago and obtained a \$1,300 car loan, the proceeds of which he used to repay his grandmother. [redacted] advised that he had sent the certificate of origin and the certificate reflecting payment of sales tax to the Secretary of State of Illinois in connection with securing an Illinois title. He said he had retained the bill of sale and would make it available for inspection. He subsequently produced the bill of sale at which time it was noted that it was a bill of sale of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. dated March 5, 1961, and covered the purchase by [redacted]

[redacted] of a 1961 Ford Falcon, 2 door, white station wagon, Serial No. 1H21S118062, Stock No. 878. The bill of sale reflects the total price of the car as \$2,277 of which \$77 is sales tax. It reflects that the price of the car was paid in cash without trade-in. The bill of sale was notarized March 5, 1961, and with what appears to be the signature of [redacted] The bill of sale is acknowledged for Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. with what appears to be the initials LS and is signed with the purchaser's name of [redacted] A photostat was made of the bill of sale and the original bill of sale returned to [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he did not have his 1961 Illinois license with him but that the number of his license plate was [redacted]

A photograph of LEO RUGENDORF was exhibited to [redacted] as an individual he might have seen on the premises of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. on the date he purchased his car but he advised he had never seen RUGENDORF before.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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[redacted] ^{4/21/61} who is employed as an order filler at Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Inc., 3651 Armitage, was interviewed at his place of employment and furnished the following information in this matter:

[redacted] advised that he had purchased a 1961 blue Ford Falcon four-door sedan on March 5, 1961, from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., 2700 North Cicero Avenue. He produced his 1961 Illinois license for this car, which reflected his license number as [redacted] and which described the car as a 1961 blue Ford Falcon four-door sedan, six cylinder, Stock Number 1153, Serial Number 1H12S140916.

[redacted] stated that the circumstances of purchase were that [redacted] a fellow employee, told him on March 4, 1961, that a good deal on a car could be obtained at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. He said [redacted] told him that he had heard about this from [redacted] the [redacted] of Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Inc. He declared that [redacted] and himself went to the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. showroom at 2700 North Cicero Avenue on March 5, 1961, at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. He stated that he talked to one of the salesmen, name unknown to him, but he felt sure that the salesman's name was on the bill of sale he obtained. He advised that a price of \$1864 was arrived at for the car he purchased, which car he said usually sells for about \$2100. He said the man he dealt with was a white male, approximately forty years of age, about 5'10" tall, and weighing 180 pounds. He declared that this individual took him into a private office for the completion of the papers, and the transfer of the cash. He declared he could identify this individual if he were to see him again. He advised that in addition to the bill of sale a certificate of origin and a certificate reflecting payment of sales tax was also turned over to him.

He stated that three fellow employees at Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Inc. also bought cars on the same day; namely, [redacted] and [redacted]

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by M. [redacted] /pbh Date dictated 4/21/61

[] stated that he obtained the cash he paid for the car from relatives. A brother, [] gave him \$400, and his mother-in-law, [] gave him \$600. He declared that on March 7, 1961, he went to the Merchants National Bank and obtained a loan on the car in the amount of \$1200, with which he repaid money loaned to him by his relatives.

[] subsequently turned over his bill of sale in this matter and it reflected the date of March 5, 1961, and the sale of a 1961 Ford Falcon four-door blue sedan, Stock Number 1153, Serial Number 1H12S140916, at a cash price of \$1864.36, which includes \$63.04 sales tax. The car was purchased, according to the bill of sale, without a trade-in. The bill of sale is not notarized and is acknowledged by Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. by what appears to be the initial "G". The name of the purchaser is reflected on the bill of sale as []. A photostat of the bill of sale was made and the original was returned to [].

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A photograph of LEO RUGENDORF was exhibited to [] who advised that he had not seen this individual at the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. showroom on the date he was there or at any other time.

[] declined to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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Date

[redacted] Franklin Park, Illinois, who is a licensed veterinarian operating an animal hospital at [redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois, was interviewed in this matter at his place of business and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he had purchased a 1961 blue Ford, four-door Country Sedan station wagon, from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., on March 4, 1961. He produced his 1961 Illinois Motor Vehicle License which reflected his license number as [redacted] on a 1961 Ford, four-door, 8 cylinder, 45 horsepower, Country Sedan station wagon, serial number 1F64W195733. He advised the circumstances of purchase were as follows:

He declared that his old car, a 1958 Chevrolet, had been giving him trouble and having seen advertisements of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., on television, he decided to stop and check their prices while driving by the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., showroom on the evening of March 3, 1961. He said his brother, who is in the used car business, had also previously told him that he should go to Courtesy Motors or Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., for the best deal. b6 b7C

He said he told the first man he talked to that he was interested in the 1961 red Ford Country Sedan station wagon which was then on the showroom floor. He stated that the short, white, fat, knock-kneed fellow he talked to quoted him about \$2,700.00 without a trade-in stating that he would get a better deal if it was all cash. He stated that the fellow told him that if he was interested he should come back.

[redacted] advised that after thinking it over, he went back to the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., showroom on March 4, 1961, and tried to close the deal on the red Ford station wagon but was advised it had been sold. He declared there were quite a few people around at the time of his visit. He was advised that there was a blue one available and he could have the same deal on this car. [redacted] stated he was referred to another man he described as white, 6'1", between 38 and 40 years old, weight 220-230 lbs., with sandy hair. He declared

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that this fellow occupied the front office on the left as you entered the showroom and said he transferred the cash and received a bill of sale from this individual in his office. He said he never learned this individual's name but said this man signed the bill of sale for him.

[] stated he had borrowed \$2,000.00 of the purchase price, on a thirty-day quick loan, from the Bank of Broadway, Melrose Park, Illinois. He said that after he bought the car at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., he went to Courtesy Motors and found that they were about \$75 to \$100 higher on price for the same car.

[] stated that in addition to the bill of sale he also received a certificate of origin and a certificate evidencing payment of Illinois sales tax. He declared that he had sent the certificate of origin and the certificate evidencing payment of Illinois sales tax to the Secretary of State in connection with his application for Illinois title. He produced the bill of sale and Illinois Certificate of Title on his car.

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The Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., bill of sale was dated March 4, 1961, and reflected purchaser as []. The car purchased was described as a 1961 Ford blue station wagon, stock number 1135, serial number 1F64W195737. The price of this car was reflected as \$2,794.50 which figure was inclusive of \$94.50 sales tax. The car was sold for all cash and no trade-in figured in the deal. In the space for notarization the date of March 4, 1961, and what appears to be the signature of [] appears; in the space for the acknowledgement of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., there appears two initials which could be "LS." The name of the purchaser appears as [].

A photograph of LEO RUGENDORF was exhibited to [] and he declared that he thought this individual used to hang around the old North Avenue Steak House. He could not recall seeing him at the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., showroom on March 3 or March 4, 1961.

[] declined to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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Date

[redacted] Skokie,
Illinois, employed as [redacted] the Evanston
Cab Company, 645 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois,
furnished the following information:

During the month of March, 1961, he purchased a 1960 Ford convertible and a 1961 Ford four door from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. for cash. He did not recall the exact date he purchased the automobiles nor could he recall the amount he paid for them. Both automobiles are financed through the First National Bank of Evanston, Illinois. Sterling-Harris Ford requested that the automobiles be paid for in cash rather than by check.

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He believes the automobiles were purchased on a Thursday or Friday and picked up by him on a Saturday or Sunday. He does not recall the name of the salesman who sold him the automobiles nor does he recall the name of the person to whom he paid the money for the automobiles. None of the papers reflecting his purchase of the automobiles were available for review at the time of interview.

He has received the certificate of title for the 1961 four door Ford but has not received the certificate of title for the 1960 convertible. The convertible was purchased for his wife, [redacted] and the title will be in her name. The title for the 1961 Ford is in his name but is for the use of his son.

He recalled that he believed he saved approximately \$100 per car by purchasing them at Sterling-Harris. He had been desirous of purchasing automobiles for his wife and son for some time and had priced automobiles at other Ford agencies. There was no particular reason for him to purchase the automobiles from Sterling-Harris on the day he purchased them. He had no reason to believe they would give him a better price than other Ford Agencies.

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He does not know of anyone else who purchased automobiles from Sterling-Harris at the time he did. He is not acquainted with [REDACTED] Or LEO RUGENDORF.

[REDACTED] exhibited a personal cancelled check which he claimed paid for the title on the 1960 Ford convertible. He complained he had not received the title from the Illinois Secretary of State. [REDACTED] was reluctant to make this check available for examination, however, during the brief period the check was observed, it was noted the check was dated March 13, 1961, drawn on the First National Bank of Evanston.

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Date April 26, 1961

[redacted] Skokie, Illinois, telephonically advised he paid the following amounts for cars purchased in March or April, 1961 from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, Chicago:

1961, four door Ford, \$2366

1960, Ford Convertible \$2898

[redacted] continued on advice of his attorney whom he declined to identify, he could not make any papers maintained by him concerning the above cars available for examination nor could he furnish orally information from these papers. Upon advice of his attorney, [redacted] stated all information pertaining to the cars was forwarded to the Illinois Secretary of State's Office "downstate" for registration purposes.

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He identified the person handling the loan from the First National Bank of Evanston, Illinois, as a [redacted]

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by SA JOHN R. NORDEL, JR./LJC Date dictated 4/24/61

Date April 24, 1961

On April 20, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, by SAs [redacted] and LELAND G. RICHIE. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Illinois
April 20, 1961

"I, [redacted] do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and Leland G. Richie, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand this statement is being taken in connection with an official investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised this statement can be used in a court of law.

"I was born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois. I reside at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. b6 b7C

"I have been shown a photostat copy of a State of Illinois, Application For Certificate of Title Only, executed March 6, 1961. The name of the applicant on this application is shown to be [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. This application states the certificate is to be mailed to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The name of the notary public appearing on the application appears to be Louis Truppa, [redacted] This application pertains to a 1960 Ford Tudor Convertible automobile, serial or identification number 0F55X269111 purchased new on March 4, 1961, from Sterling Ford Inc., 2621 North Cicero, Chicago.

"I wish to state I have no knowledge of this application and I do not know how my name happened to appear thereon. I do not know anyone named [redacted] I do not own a 1960 Ford Convertible and have never owned such an automobile. [redacted] is my brother-in-law, but the signature appearing on this application does not appear to be his. [redacted] has never mentioned anything to me concerning this transaction.

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[redacted] is the address of a grocery store owned by my father-in-law, [redacted] This store connects with my residence on the corner of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. I have not received a Certificate of Title for the above described automobile.

"I read the above statement consistin of this and one other page & have initinals each page & correction their on that it is true it is correct.

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"s/ [redacted]

"Witness:

"s/ [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Illinois 4/20/61

"Witness:

"s/Leland G. Richie, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Illinois 4-20-61"

Date April 24, 1961

On April 21, 1961, LOUIS P. TRUPPA, 1116 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, Secretary of State's Office, 5401 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, by SAs [redacted] and LELAND G. RICHIE. TRUPPA furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Illinois
April 21, 1961

"I, [redacted] do hereby furnish this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and Leland G. Richie, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand this statement is being taken in connection with an official investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised this statement can be used in a court of law.

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"I was born January 20, 1911, Chicago, Illinois. I reside at 1116 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. I am presently employed as a Fee Clerk at the Secretary of State's Office, 5401 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. My duties are the processing and approving of applications for automobile licenses and titles in the State of Illinois.

"I have been shown a photostat copy of a State of Illinois, Application For Certificate of Title Only, executed March 6, 1961. The name of the applicant on this application is shown to be [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. This application states the certificate is to be mailed to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The name of the Notary Public appearing on this application is shown to be [redacted]. This application pertains to a 1960 Ford Tudor Convertible automobile, serial or identification number 0F55X269111 purchased new on March 4, 1961 from Sterling Ford Inc., 2621 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago.

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"I recognize the handprinting appearing in the block at the top of this application as being my own. I also recognize the handwriting above the block reserved for use of the Notary Public as [redacted]. I recognize the signature of the Notary Public on this application as [redacted]. The signature on the line "Signature of Owner" was written in my presence by the individual who presented the necessary documents for executing the Application for Certificate of Title Only.

[redacted] is my brother-in-law. His father-in-law operates a grocery store at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] wife is my sister and she works in the grocery store. My father-in-law does not read or write English very well.

"I recall that on March 6, 1961, the individual who I assumed to be [redacted] appeared at my desk at my place of employment accompanied by an individual named [redacted]. I do not recall [redacted] last name but I do recall I had handled license plate renewals for him two or three times previously over a period of several years. [redacted] presented the necessary papers and the Application For Certificate of Title Only was executed by me. [redacted] then stated [redacted] was going away and asked if I would have the title mailed to some relative of mine and when it arrived I could bring it to work and [redacted] would pick it up. This was not an unusual request; I have frequently done this for other individuals for whom I have handled matters pertaining to automobile licenses and titles. I believe this is a common practice in my office and so far as I know, there is nothing improper in this so long as the individual has all the necessary documents for the transaction. I arbitrarily selected the address of my father-in-law's grocery to have the title mailed to. I knew my sister always received the mail there. I subsequently told my sister-in-law that when an automobile title arrived in the mail addressed to [redacted] she should give it to me. I did not tell [redacted] of this because I knew he would probably be at work when the mail arrived and I knew my sister would open the mail inasmuch as my father-in-law does not read English very well.

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"At the time I handled the above mentioned transaction for [] I handled a similar transaction for [] I do not now recall definitely the automobile involved in [] transaction. However, I do recall [] automobile was also from the Sterling Ford Company. At the time of these transactions, [] requested that the applications be forwarded to Springfield, Illinois via the Robinson Service. The Robinson Service is a private organization which handles automobile license and registration matters. This service is able to furnish 24 hour service on these matters. There is an extra fee of \$1.50 to the Robinson Service for this service.

"My sister-in-law, [] has advised me she has never received the certificate of title for [] automobile.

"I never saw [] before and have not seen him since this application was made. I would not have extended the mailing courtesy to him had he not been with [] About three or four weeks ago, [] came to my place of employment to complain about the non-receipt of his [] title. [] title was to have been mailed to his [] own address. I do not recall [] address except I think it was on the northwest side of Chicago. I told [] there was nothing I could do about the situation and referred [] to my supervisor, [] [] did not inquire about [] title. Neither [] or [] have contacted me concerning [] title. To the best of my recollection, the following are the descriptions of [] and []

"Name	[]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35-40
Height	5'6" - 5'7"
Weight	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark
Eyes	(not recalled)
Dress	Suit, topcoat and hat

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"Name	[redacted] (last name not recalled)
Race	
Sex	Male
Age	35-40
Height	5'11"
Weight	250 or more
Hair	Curly, dark brown
Eyes	(Not recalled)
Glasses	Believed he uses for reading, description not recalled
Complexion	Medium
Dress	Suit and topcoat, dark

"I don't know [redacted]'s occupation, but I know he is not an automobile dealer.

"I have read the above statement consisting this and 5 other pages.

"I have initialed each page and correction thereon it is true to best of my belief and knowledge.

[redacted]

"Witness:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Illinois, 4/21/61

/s/ Leland G. Richie, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Illinois, 4/21/61"

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Riverside, Illinois, advised that as a result of radio advertising he went to the Sterling-Harris Ford agency and ordered a 1961 Thunderbird on February 10, 1961. He stated that inasmuch as he wanted numerous accessories on this vehicle it had to be ordered and he was informed at that time it would take approximately five to six weeks to obtain the vehicle. He stated at that time he negotiated with a person believed to be [redacted] however, this person was not introduced to him and he has no positive way of knowing that this was [redacted]. He stated at the time he ordered the car it was agreed he would pay \$2,200 plus a trade-in which would be his 1961 Ford coupe.

[redacted] stated that in anticipation of delivery of this vehicle he kept \$2,200 in cash at his residence which he would use to pay for it when it came. He stated that on the morning of March 3, 1961, he was telephonically contacted by an unknown female at Sterling-Harris and advised his car was ready. He said at about 5:00 P.M., March 3, 1961, he went to Sterling-Harris where he picked up the 1961 Thunderbird and left his 1961 Ford as a trade-in. At this time he paid \$2,277 cash to a person he believed to be [redacted] who signed and gave him his bill of sale and other papers connected with this purchase.

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[redacted] described the person with whom he dealt and gave the cash as: white, male, approximately 45 years of age, light thin receding brown hair, 6', 275 pounds.

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[redacted] made available a copy of a Sterling-Harris order form which reflects that on February 10, 1961, [redacted] ordered a new T-Bird, honey beige color, convertible, with the following accessories: air conditioning, radio, power driver's seat, power windows, white walls, equa lock, 70 amp battery, tinted glass, outside mirror, windshield washers, and fender shields.

[redacted] made available a Sterling-Harris bill of sale dated March 3, 1961, reflecting the purchaser [redacted] Riverside, Illinois, salesman, [redacted] purchased a 1961 Ford T-Bird convertible, serial number 1Y73Z133767, color beige, stock number 1269, with a net trade allowance of \$3,395.30 and cash in the amount of \$2,277.

[redacted] advised the above documents are being furnished for copying purposes and should be returned to him. He stated that he does not know anyone else who may have purchased a car from Sterling-Harris; and during his trips to this agency, he did not at any time recognize anyone known to him.

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[redacted] telephone KI 5-1483, who is [redacted] the Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Incorporated, 3651 West Armitage, was interviewed at his place of business, at which time he furnished the following information in this matter:

[redacted] advised that he had purchased a 1961 Ford car from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, on March 4, 1961 and he produced his 1961 Illinois Motor Vehicle license which reflected issuance of license Number MX5933 to [redacted] for a 1961 two-door blue eight-cylinder, 45 horsepower Ford sedan, Serial Number TG41W143711. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that the circumstances which led up to his purchase of the foregoing described automobile were that he had been in the market for a car and had spent approximately six weeks prior to March 4, 1961, shopping around at various dealers such as Courtesy Motors, Hub Ford, Community Motors, McNerney Chevrolet and Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. He exhibited several business cards of these dealers containing estimates thereon. On February 28, 1961, he was given a price of \$2,600.00 by Courtesy Motors on a Ford Fairlane 500, which price he took under advisement. On March 3, 1961, he said he stopped at the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated showroom at which time he was given a price of \$2,485.00 on a 1961 Ford Fairlane 500. He advised that Harris made out the order on March 3, 1961, but claimed he did not sign anything until March 4, 1961, when he again went to the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated showroom and paid \$2,485.00 cash for his car. Prior to closing the deal with Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated he said he called Courtesy Motors and asked them if they could better the \$2,485.00 figure and was told they could not. ✓

He stated that he had a 1957 Ford at that time which he sold early in March, 1961 for \$750.00, but on which deal the purchaser reneged and he was forced to refund the \$750.00. He advised that he paid cash for the car he purchased from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, and that in order to raise the necessary cash he borrowed \$1,200.00 from his wife and later reimbursed her on March 6, 1961 by getting a loan on the new car at the Northwest National Bank of Chicago in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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He declared that on March 3, 1961, the first individual he contacted at Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated was a salesman, name unknown to him, who subsequently referred him to [redacted]. He said [redacted] who signed the bill of sale for his car, is a white male, about 36 years of age, 5'10" in height, about 180 pounds, wears horn-rimmed glasses and has a reddish complexion. He advised that at the closing of the deal [redacted] took him into a small office where he gave [redacted] \$2,485.00 and [redacted] turned over to him an executed bill of sale, a certificate of origin and a certificate reflecting payment of sales tax. He declared that he sent the certificate of origin and the certificate reflecting payment of sales tax to the Secretary of the State of Illinois in connection with his application for Illinois title, and that the only document in his possession was the bill of sale which he said he would make available.

In regard to other individuals known to him to have purchased cars around March 4 and 5, 1961 from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, he stated that the only ones he knew were four employees of Northwestern Candy and Tobacco, Incorporated, namely [redacted] and [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that he noticed a considerable number of people in the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated showroom on March 4, 1961. [redacted] said he was there twice on that date and that there were more people around in the afternoon.

A picture of LEO RUGENDORF was exhibited to [redacted] as possibly being in the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated showroom on the date of March 4, 1961, but he said he did not recognize this individual.

[redacted] subsequently turned over a bill of sale reflecting the purchase of the 1961 Ford Fairlane 500 blue, two-door sedan, Stock Number 1208, Serial Number 1G41W143711, which bill of sale was dated March 4, 1961 and on which it is impossible to determine the salesman's name other than that it begins with an "H". The bill of sale reflects that the price of the car was \$2,485.00 with sales tax of \$85.00 included therein, and that the purchase price was paid in cash without trade-in. The document is notarized and was acknowledged by Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, but the signatures of the Notary Public and the individual acknowledging for Sterling-Harris, Incorporated are illegible. The signature of the

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purchaser appears as [REDACTED] A photostat of the foregoing described bill of sale was made from the original, which was returned to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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[redacted] advised as a result of newspaper and radio advertising, he went to the Sterling Harris Ford Agency on March 4, 1961, where he first talked to an unknown salesman concerning the purchase of a 1961 Ford Falcon. He subsequently called at one other Ford agency to shop for a 1961 Ford Falcon but returned to Sterling Harris on March 5, 1961, at which time he purchased a 1961 Ford Falcon for \$2,001.70 cash including tax. The cash was delivered personally to [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] had been previously introduced to him by a mutual friend who declined to identify. [redacted] advised that he received only a bill of sale as a receipt for his cash and furnished a copy of this bill of sale which is described as follows:

Purchaser [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois; date March 5, 1961; salesman signature illegible; purchase 1961 Ford Falcon four door, Serial Number 1H12S149852, color aqua, Stock Number 1255; signature of Sterling Harris official illegible.

[redacted] further advised that the signatures appearing on this bill of sale are unknown to him except his own signature but that this bill of sale was given him by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he did not know of any other individual who purchased an automobile from the Sterling Harris Ford Agency during March, 1961. At this time [redacted] [redacted] advised that he did not have any further statement to make and had no further information to furnish in connection with the purchase of this automobile.

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SAMUEL RUGENDORF, 3117 West Jarvis, was interviewed at his place of business, Wallace's Food Store, 3758 South Wallace Street. Mr. RUGENDORF advised that he was born October 18, 1907, at Austria, Hungary, and is the brother of LEO RUGENDORF.

Mr. RUGENDORF advised that on or about March 3, 1961, a neighborhood customer, whose name he could not recall, came into his store and told him he should go to Sterling-Harris because they had a lot of cars and he could get a good deal for cash. He stated that after closing his store about 7:00 P.M., March 3, 1961, he went to the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency where he discussed the purchase of two cars with an unknown person who was apparently an employee of Sterling-Harris. Mr. RUGENDORF advised that it was agreed that he would purchase a 1961 Galaxie and a 1961 station wagon for about \$5,170 including sales tax. He said he executed a check on his business account at the Livestock National Bank in the amount of approximately \$5,170 which he gave to the Sterling-Harris employee with the understanding that the check would be held until he could return with the cash.

He said he instructed [redacted] to withdraw the cash from their joint savings account at the Northshore National Bank. He said that after [redacted] made the withdrawal, he obtained the money from her and delivered it to the same employee at Sterling-Harris several days later, the exact date he could not recall. RUGENDORF advised that on the day he delivered the cash, his check was returned to him and it was destroyed by him on the spot. He said that the necessary papers, bill of sale, certificate of origin, etc. were given to him at this time and signed by the same person to whom he had given the cash, in his presence.

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RUGENDORF advised that the vehicles he purchased were a 1961 station wagon, serial number 1F62V205401, which he has registered with the State of Illinois, and a 1961 Ford Galaxie, serial number unknown, which the State of Illinois refused to register due to some type of court injunction.

RUGENDORF stated that when he encountered difficulty registering the 1961 Galaxie, he forwarded all his papers to his attorney. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. RUGENDORF advised that he would decline to furnish this information in the form of a written statement on the advice of his attorney, [REDACTED]

Mr. RUGENDORF further advised that he did not know of anyone else who had purchased a vehicle from Sterling-Harris and did not at any time during his trips to Sterling-Harris in connection with the above described purchases, observe his brother, LEO, on or about the premises of Sterling-Harris, or was his brother's name mentioned in any way as being connected with Sterling-Harris. Mr. RUGENDORF advised that his brother, LEO, is a "black sheep" and he has not seen him in nine months.

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On April 20, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had received a telephone call from his client, SAMUEL RUGENDORF, relative to making available to FBI Agents a bill of sale for two automobiles which RUGENDORF had purchased from the Sterling-Harris Ford Company. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would be happy to cooperate in any way and make available the necessary appers connected with this transaction.

[redacted] made available a photostatic copy of a bill of sale originating at the Sterling-Harris Ford Company which reflected that on March 2, 1961, SAMUEL RUGENDORF, 3758 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, purchased a 1961 Ford Galaxie two door silver color, serial number 1G51W104097, Sterling-Harris stock number 734; and a 1961 Ford Ranch Wagon, color bronze, serial number 1F62V205401, Sterling-Harris stock number 1239, at a total cash price, including sales tax, of \$5,175. It was noted that the signature of the Sterling-Harris representative was illegible.

[redacted] made available photostatic copy which he stated could be retained in the FBI files and need not be returned.

[redacted] further made available a bank book representing a joint account between SAMUEL RUGENDORF and [redacted] which is maintained at the Northshore National Bank. [redacted] advised that he was not authorized to make this bank book available to SA [redacted] however, it was noted that on March 6, 1961, a withdrawal of \$5,175 was reflected, leaving a balance of \$13,020.84 in the RUGENDORF account. It was noted that no deposits were made since this withdrawal on March 6, 1961, and another withdrawal of \$3,500 was made on March 20, 1961. [redacted] Further displayed a letter dated March 16, 1961, from the office of the Illinois Secretary of State to Mr. SAMUEL RUGENDORF acknowledging his Application for Title and Registration regarding a 1961 Ford Galaxie, serial

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number 1B51W104097. This letter reflected that in view of a court injunction against Sterling-Harris Company, a title cannot be issued for the above described vehicle at that time.

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[redacted] interviewed at the Chicago Office advised that he is the [redacted] the Sheridan Electric Company located at 4203 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago. *ELL* He advised that he has been acquainted with [redacted] for approximately five years and has bought at least one used car from [redacted] during that period of time.

[redacted] advised that he has also done considerable electric work for the Sterling-Harris Company and stated at the present time Sterling-Harris owes him an unpaid bill of \$1,480. He stated that during the latter part of February he had decided he needed another truck for his electrical business and so on March 4, 1961, he proceeded to the Sterling-Harris Ford Company on Cicero Avenue to discuss the purchase of a used Ford truck. He stated he went to Sterling-Harris Company alone and contacted [redacted] at which time he decided to purchase a 1961 four wheel drive Ford truck. He stated that no trade would be involved in this deal and the price of the truck would be \$2,625, cash deal. [redacted] stated that during this same discussion he discussed the purchase of a 1961 Ford Galaxie which he would purchase for the use of his father-in-law, [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] advised that he could buy the 1961 Galaxie for \$2,800.

[redacted] stated that he agreed to take both cars and then went to the Chicago National Bank where he withdrew \$3,750 from his business account. He stated that he then returned to Sterling-Harris and personally paid [redacted] in cash for both cars at which time [redacted] furnished him with the necessary papers notarized and signed by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he did not at this time return the truck and the car to his home but returned later on that date with his brother-in-law, [redacted] who also purchased a Ford Fairlane on March 4, 1961.

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[] advised that he is acquainted with both SAMUEL and LEO RUGENDORF but advised that he did not observe either of these individuals at the Sterling-Harris lot at any time while he was present on the lot. He advised that he did not observe any of his friends or acquaintances on the lot and has no knowledge of any friends, associates or acquaintances who purchased new Fords from the Sterling-Harris Company during the early part of March, 1961.

[] advised that he was reluctant to furnish the bill of sale for the two vehicles purchased at Sterling-Harris, but stated that he would have photostats made at his office and would thereafter submit them to the FBI Office.

[] stated the 1961 four wheel drive Ford truck which he purchased bore serial number FLICK-113275, and that the 1961 four door Ford bore serial number 1G52X124931. [] advised that both of these vehicles were purchased at Sterling-Harris on March 4, 1961, in connection with the cash deal he has described above.

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[] advised that he contacted his lawyer, [] and upon advice of [] he would decline to sign any statement which he might make in regard to this matter.

[] advised that he gave \$700 in cash to his brother-in-law, [] on March 4, 1961, and that this money was out of his own funds. He continued that this \$700 represented the amount that he had received for the sale of [] 1959 Plymouth convertible to the Fohrman Motors Company, 2700 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[] advised that relative to the sale of his brother-in-law's Plymouth, he sold that car along with his father-in-law's, [] 1957 Lincoln sedan to Fohrman Motors on March 4, 1961. He stated that he did not receive the check in payment of this sale until March 5, 1961, inasmuch as he did not have the title to his

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father-in-law's car with him on March 4, 1961. He stated that he did not cash this check which was in the amount of \$1,650 until March 6, 1961, and that he cashed the check by the medium of endorsing and depositing it to his account at the Chicago National Bank of Chicago, 2953 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that this account is in the name of Sheridan Electric Company, and that he is the president of this Company.

[] advised that relative to the sale of the two automobiles that the 1957 Lincoln sedan was his father-in-law's automobile and the 1958 Plymouth convertible was his brother-in-law's automobile.

[] advised that he paid [] \$5,425.00 in cash for both the Ford truck and Ford Galaxie. He stated that in addition to the \$3,750.00 that he had withdrawn from his business account, he had \$1,675.00 which he had obtained as a bank loan.

[] advised that this loan was obtained from his bank the Chicago National Bank of Chicago, Loan Account number A-1-4861. He stated that his brother-in-law also obtained a loan from the same bank based on his [] word.

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[redacted] Skokie, Illinois, who is employed by Rugendorf Brothers, 2449 South Wentworth, Chicago, furnished the following information:

He purchased a 1957 Ford station wagon from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., 2700 North Cicero, Chicago, on March 1, 1961, for \$800 cash. He produced a receipt of purchase dated March 1, 1961, which indicated he paid \$800 plus \$23 sales tax for the station wagon. He paid the money to [redacted] And the receipt of purchase was signed by [redacted] The receipt does not reflect a motor number or serial number for the station wagon, only stock number 2257 was indicated. As of April 20, 1961, [redacted] has not received a certificate of title for the station wagon, however, he has transferred the 1961 license plates, number [redacted] from his previous automobile to the station wagon purchased from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. He did not finance any part of the purchase price of the station wagon.

[redacted] had met [redacted] on one previous occasion when [redacted] purchased some turkeys from Rugendorf Brothers. He does not consider himself a personal acquaintance of [redacted] Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. was suggested to him by [redacted] whom [redacted] believes to live on [redacted] Skokie, Illinois, and who is employed at 3250 South Wentworth, Chicago.

[redacted] purchased the station wagon at a price he thought fair and about the current market value based on prices for comparable models advertised in newspapers. He did not feel the station wagon was sold to him at a discount price. [redacted] does not know anyone else who purchased an automobile from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc.

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[] stated he is the brother-in-law of LEO RUGENDORF. He does not believe LEO RUGENDORF had any connection with Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. and stated RUGENDORF was not at Sterling-Harris the day he purchased the station wagon.

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[redacted] Villa Park, Illinois, personally appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] advised that she is employed as a waitress by DiLeo's Restaurant and Lounge, 5700 North Central Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number SP 4-6900. She stated that her home telephone number is [redacted] and that it is listed in the name of her mother, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she preferred not to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

She advised that the circumstances surrounding the purchase of her 1961 Ford Falcon from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency are as follows:

She stated that she had been looking around to purchase an automobile and had been to two or three automobile dealers located in the Chicago area. [redacted] continued that she had been hearing the Sterling-Harris radio commercials and decided that she would see what kind of a deal she could get from them. She further stated that she had been in to Sterling-Harris approximately two weeks earlier and at that time she was looking to purchase a white automobile, but they told her they could not get one for her. [redacted] further advised that at that time she ascertained that it would cost her \$2,173.00 as the purchase price for the type of automobile she was anxious to buy. She stated that this price included all state and federal taxes. She further advised that she obtained the aforementioned amount of money from three sources, as follows:

She borrowed \$1,000 from her mother, [redacted] and had obtained some money from her recent divorce settlement, and had the balance saved in cash.

[redacted] advised that during the morning of March 4, 1961, she went back to Sterling-Harris and purchased a

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1961 Ford Falcon, four door, turquoise-green or blue-green in color, not a two-tone automobile but a solid color, Serial No. 1H12S147546.

She stated that to the best of her recollection there were approximately 20 individuals who were looking at automobiles the same time she was there. She advised that these 20 individuals were of both sexes and that she did not specifically recall the exact number of men and women.

[redacted] advised that she bought her automobile from a white male whose name she does not recall and she described this person as being one of the salesmen of the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency and that all she could recall of his physical description is that he is short and chubby. She stated that she paid this individual the sum of \$2,173.00, all in cash, and that he gave her a receipt for this amount in addition to the sales contract or bill of sale for the car. She continued that as far as she knows the cash receipt was signed by the salesman but she has no idea who signed the sales contract or bill of sale.

[redacted] advised that she could not find the bill of sale or the receipt and that she had spent all of last evening, April 20, 1961, looking for these documents. She continued that she would make a further search at home and if she did find these documents, she would notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] advised she has no knowledge of any other person who purchased an automobile from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on either March 4 or 5, 1961.

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On April 20, 1961, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SAs LEON B. LAKE, Jr., and [redacted] at his residence. [redacted] stated that approximately two weeks ago he voluntarily went to [redacted] Office, [redacted] Federal Court House, Chicago, Illinois, and answered questions under oath regarding his purchase of a 1961 Falcon from Sterling-Harris Ford. He said they have photostats of all of his papers regarding the purchase of the car. He said he does not have title to the car and has not received his license plates for the car. [redacted] said on a Saturday, he does not remember the date, he happened to be driving down Cicero Avenue and stopped to price cars at Sterling-Harris Ford since he was interested in purchasing a new car. He said he paid approximately \$2,070.00 cash for the car to [redacted] at Sterling-Harris Ford. [redacted] said he has answered all questions under oath at the Federal Court House and if the interviewing agents have any new questions, he will answer them, otherwise the information can be obtained at the Court House.

At this point, [redacted] stated while he was at Sterling-Harris Ford, he thought he got his car at a good price so he called his brother, [redacted] and told him to come down to Sterling-Harris Ford. He said his brother bought a 1961 Ford Station Wagon and that his brother paid cash for his car. He said his brother has answered all the questions at the Federal Court House and that it would do no good to talk to him as he would not answer any questions that he previously answered at the Court House. [redacted] stated he would not give a signed statement as all the information wanted he gave under oath at the Federal Court House.

The interview was terminated at this point.

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[redacted] North Lake, Illinois, telephone FI 5-2784, who is employed as an outside salesman for Northwestern Candy and Tobacco Company, Incorporated, 3651 West Armitage, was interviewed at his place of employment and furnished the following information in this matter:

[redacted] advised that he had purchased a 1961 four door white Ford Station Wagon on March 4, 1961, from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue. He produced his 1961 Illinois License for the foregoing described car which reflected his license number as [redacted] covering a 1961 four door, white Ford Station Wagon, six cylinder, 31.54 horsepower, serial number 1F62Y193477.

[redacted] furnished the circumstances of purchase as follows:

He declared that he had been looking for a new car to replace his 1958 Chevrolet Station Wagon for some time. On March 4, 1961, a fellow employee, [redacted] told him that he could get a good deal on a new car at Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. On Sunday, March 5, 1961, he borrowed \$2,000.00 in cash from his brother, [redacted] and together with \$800.00 he had on hand, he went to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, to see if he could make a deal on a car.

[redacted] declared that he dealt with a salesman, name unknown to him. He described this man as a white male, age 40, height 5'10" or 5'11", weight 165 pounds, hair black and graying, eyes dark. He said there were quite a few people in the showroom at the time of the afternoon he was there. After considerable discussion about the merits of the car in which he was interested and the fact that he could get a better deal by paying cash rather than financing the car, he arrived at a price of \$2,587.50 for a 1961 Ford, four door, white Station Wagon, which price included sales tax of \$87.50. He said he knew this was a good price because he had previously obtained figures from

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Courtesy Motors and other dealers. He estimated that he saved between \$300.00 and \$350.00 on the car he purchased.

[redacted] stated he paid the purchase price of \$2,537.50 to the individual, with whom he dealt, in confines of this individual's private office and the individual signed the Bill of Sale in his presence. In addition to a Bill of Sale he also received a certificate of origin and a certificate evidencing payment of sales tax.

[redacted] produced the Bill of Sale stating the the certificate of origin and certificate evidencing payment of sales tax had been attached to his application for Illinois title. The Bill of Sale reflects it to be a Bill of Sale of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, purchaser [redacted]

[redacted] North Lake, Illinois. It is dated March 4, 1931, and covers purchase of a 1931 Ford white Station Wagon, stock number 1138, serial number 1F62V-193477 for a cash price of \$2,537.50. The space for notarization bears the date of March 4, 1931, and what appears to be the name [redacted]

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The Bill of Sale is acknowledged for Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, by what also appears to be the name [redacted]. The Bill of Sale is signed with the signature of [redacted] as purchaser. A photostat copy was made of the original Bill of Sale and the original returned to [redacted]

[redacted] advised he borrowed \$1,000.00 on March 6, 1931, from the Citizens National Bank of Chicago and paid his brother back the money he had borrowed from him.

[redacted] declared he did not know any other individuals who bought cars at Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, on March 4 and March 5, 1931.

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A photograph of LEO RUGENDORF was exhibited to [] but he stated he had never seen this individual before.

[] declined to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Her husband, [redacted] purchased a 1961 Ford hardtop from Sterling-Larris Ford during the first part of March, 1961. [redacted] exhibited a copy of the bill of sale of the Sterling-Larris Ford, Incorporated reflecting the purchase of this automobile. The purchase date was listed as March 4, 1961, and the salesman's initials were shown as EJ. Stock number was 935 and the car was described as follows: 1961 Starliner, color white, Serial Number 1G53V123774. The cash price was listed as \$2,400 to which was added \$34 sales tax, making a grand total of \$2,434. There was no allowance for trade-in and no amount listed to finance. This bill of sale was notarized on March 3, 1961, and bears the signature of [redacted] The initials of the salesman and notary public are illegible.

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[redacted] produced a payment book for account number 1A23700 of the Dolmont National Bank, Clark and Dolmont Avenue. This book revealed that [redacted] had contracted to make twelve monthly payments of \$175. Only one payment has been made to date and that was made on April 10, 1961, in the amount of \$100.

The car was purchased by her husband and [redacted] [redacted] was not present at the time of purchase or delivery. [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement and did not wish to turn over her copy of the bill of sale without first consulting her husband.

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by DAK [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 4/21/61
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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in the Belden Restaurant, Belden and Clark Streets, Chicago, and furnished the following information:

During February, 1961, he was financing the purchase of a 1960 Buick at the Belmont National Bank. He desired to own a smaller car and made inquiry at the Sterling-Harris Ford and other Ford agencies regarding the purchase of a 1961 Ford. The best deal offered was that of the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. On Friday, March 3, 1961, he agreed to purchase a 1961 Ford Starliner Galaxie for \$2,400. On Saturday, March 4, 1961, he visited the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, at which time he paid in cash \$2,400 to an unknown individual described by him as a red-faced, heavy set man, whom he believed to be one of the owners of this agency. [redacted] pointed out that at the outset he dealt with one of the salesmen at this agency, but in the final analysis when it came to paying the money he was directed to this individual.

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Prior to paying for the 1961 Ford he had contracted with [redacted] Warehouse Used Cars, 3845 South Wabash, to dispose of his 1960 Buick for the best price. [redacted] sold his Buick for \$2,500, which he delivered to [redacted]. It was from these funds that [redacted] paid one of the owners of the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency in cash. [redacted] contacted [redacted] Loan Officer, Belmont National Bank, and made arrangements to switch the financing from the 1960 Buick to the 1961 Ford which he had just purchased.

[redacted] refused to make available his copy of the bill of sale which he now has in his possession, but pointed out that if the original copy was needed, it could be obtained from [redacted] at the Belmont National Bank. In addition, [redacted] pointed out that subsequent to the purchase of this car he was notified by the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois, that the title to this car was in

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question. [] contacted [] at which time he was informed by [] that the matter would be straightened out through the bank attorney and, as far as he was concerned, he had good title to the car.

The 1961 Ford was a six cylinder two door white hardtop with standard transmission, heater and white wall tires.

[] did not know of anyone else who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris. He declined to furnish a signed statement incorporating the above information.

[] is employed as a Collector and Solicitor by the Parr Finance Company, 747 West Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois. This firm is owned and operated by []

The following description of VENTO was obtained through interview and observation:

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Name	[]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[]
Place of Birth	Elizabeth, New Jersey
Height	5'8"
Weight	160
Hair	Black, graying on sides
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Suave dapper individual; small brown mole, center forehead
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife, [] age 41, []
Employment	Chicago, Illinois Parr Finance Company, 747 West Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois

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[redacted] was interviewed at the site of Berwyn Auto Mart, 6632 West Ogden, Berwyn, Illinois. At the outset [redacted] was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court and that he was entitled to consult an attorney. At this time he stated that he had already consulted an attorney, [redacted] who had advised him to furnish no information in writing. No threats or promises were made to [redacted]. He stated, however, that he would voluntarily furnish orally the circumstances surrounding his purchase of 10 automobiles from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. He further stated that [redacted] is in possession of the title and other papers concerning these cars.

[redacted] stated that all used car dealers in the vicinity of his place of business are continually on the look out for opportunities to purchase used cars at a favorable price. The most favorable time to purchase these cars is immediately after they are taken as trade-ins and when it is ascertained that a new car dealer is doing a good business on a particular day, the used car dealers will attempt to immediately purchase from him the used cars which he has accepted as trade-ins. b6 b7C

On Sunday, March 5, 1961, he heard that Cicero Avenue was having a big day, and so about 6:30 p.m. he and [redacted] a salesman employee who works for a percentage of the profits at Berwyn Auto Mart, proceeded to the automobile dealing section of Cicero Avenue and noted that the only dealer open was Sterling-Harris. He stated there was a lot of activity at this place and that he, also, looked at cars in their lot at Central and Fullerton.

He dealt with [redacted] and arranged to purchase 10 new cars for \$22,000, \$15,000 of this would be in cash, and \$7,000 would be by promissory note payable in one week. [redacted] stated he had approximately \$3,000 on his person which is not an unusual amount for him to carry on a weekend when he purchases cars for cash from persons who drive into his lot. [redacted] had a couple of thousand on his person at the time.

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He returned to [] and contacted a personal friend of his, who is a businessman and whom he declined to identify, and obtained the balance of the \$15,000. He and [] then returned to Sterling-Harris Agency, 2626 North Cicero Avenue, and in [] office at that address and in the presence of [] turned over the \$15,000 to [] who placed the money in his pocket. This occurred at about 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 1961. At that time [] also signed a note for \$7,000 and obtained from [] applications for certificate of title for the 10 automobiles hereinafter described.

[] stated that the applications for title were made in the names of [] his wife, and other employees and relatives of []. He added that the reason that the titles were to be placed in the names of individuals rather than the Berwyn Auto Mart was that when an individual takes title to a car, the new car guarantee applies. [] stated that he was required by [] to pay cash for the cars he purchased because that was the only way in which he could immediately get the cars and titles, and he needed the cars and the titles for a "floor plan". He explained this as his financing operation. This was necessary so that he could resell the cars as soon as possible. No receipt was obtained from [] for the cash which he paid to him because [] turned over the cars and the titles. This is a common practice in transactions between dealers.

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[] stated that he had never met [] or his partner, [] prior to Sunday evening, March 5, 1961. He added that he was not aware of any specific reasons why Sterling-Harris was selling their cars at such good prices. However, he added that this is not an unusual procedure because many dealers are often forced to liquidate some of their stock in order to obtain money for various reasons, usually in connection with their "floor plan" arrangements. [] stated that he has been forced on occasion to sell cars at lower prices in order to obtain ready cash needed for the operation of his business.

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He further stated that these sales by dealers to obtain ready cash are to his knowledge strictly legitimate. He had no reason to believe that there was anything wrong with these sales by Sterling-Harris and he had no knowledge of any bankruptcy proceedings or contemplated proceedings affecting Sterling-Harris at that time.

[] advised that after the purchase of the cars was completed, he, [] and [] wife, [] ferried all 10 cars from Sterling-Harris to Berwyn Auto Mart. This required several trips on the part of each and the procedure was completed at about 3:00 or 3:30 a.m., Monday morning, March 6, 1961.

[] identified the cars that he purchased, and the persons in whose names they were purchased as follows:

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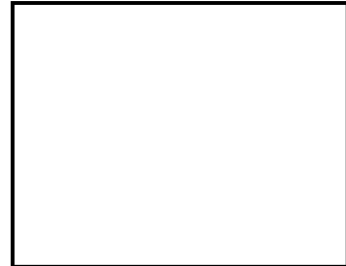
<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Car Description</u>	<u>Name in Which Registered</u>
OF55X264066	Red convertible "60 Ford	
1H21S138459	"61 Ford Falcon station wagon	
OG55W178960	"60 yellow Ford convertible	
OF55W272521	"60 green Ford convertible	
1F62V190019	"61 bronze Ford ranch wagon	
1F41V188985	"61 blue Ford, 2 door	
1F42V180543	"61 red Ford, 4 door Sedan	

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1G41V138490 1961 red Ford
two door

OG55W174342 1960 yellow Ford
convertible

1H11S141771 1961 Ford Falcon



[redacted] stated that he has possession of all of the above cars with the exception of three which had been impounded in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings and are stored behind Tabor Olds Company, 3808 Harlem Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois. These three cars are identified above as serial number OF55X264066, OF55W272521, 1F41V188985.

[redacted] was asked as to whether or not he knew of any other individuals or dealers who purchased cars from Sterling-Harris. He stated that he had received a notice from the United States District Court in bankruptcy number 61B2903 which identified other individuals as well as himself as having purchased cars from Sterling-Harris. In addition to this he stated that he knew of another dealer, who he refused to identify, who purchased some cars from Sterling-Harris but who settled with Associates Discount, three or four days after they were attached.

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himself: [redacted] furnished the following description of

Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Date of Birth	3/19/30
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	195
Hair	Brown - straight
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	U. S. Air Force Honorable discharge, 1952

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted]. He advised that he was employed, as a salesman, at the Berwyn Auto Mart, 6632 West Ogden Avenue, which was [redacted] and [redacted] being the controlling partner in this concern.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday, March 5, 1961, he worked at the above mentioned Mart until about 5:30 p.m. and [redacted] on that date, gave no indication that he, [redacted] was aware of an auto sale being conducted at Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. [redacted] stated that [redacted] learned of this sale, from a source unknown to [redacted] and later that evening, accompanied by [redacted] [redacted] went to Sterling-Harris Ford and purchased ten automobiles. [redacted] advised that, according to [redacted] these cars were purchased for \$15,000 in cash.

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[redacted] furnished the following description of nine of the automobiles purchased by [redacted]

1961 - red Ford Fairlane 500, two door Sedan, six cylinder, standard transmission with heater, registered in the name of [redacted]

1961 - red Ford Fairlane 500, two door Sedan, six cylinder, standard transmission with heater, registered to [redacted]

1961 - red Ford Fairlane 500, four door Sedan, six cylinder, standard transmission with heater, registered to [redacted]

1961 - bronze Falcon station wagon, two door, six cylinder, standard transmission, radio and heater.

1961 - bronze Ford ranch wagon, four door, six cylinder, standard transmission with heater.

1961 - red Falcon, four door Sedan, six cylinder, standard transmission with heater.

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3 1960 Ford convertible Galaxies, fully equipped. Two of these cars are yellow and the other one is turgoise.

[] stated that in addition to the above three cars registered to the [] registrations were filed in the names of the following individuals:

[] wife
[] wife
[] or []
[] who is married to []
cousin.

[] advised that the ten automobiles were registered in the individual name of one of the owners, a relative, or an employee of the Bervyn Auto Mart because, according to [] they would then be assured of the Ford Company warranty rights.

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[] advised that on March 6, 1961, he, [] and two porters and two of [] friends, unknown to [] drove these cars from Sterling-Harris to the Auto Mart at 6632 West Ogden. [] said that three of these automobiles were impounded by Associate Discount under a writ of replevin; however, [] managed to get the writ squelched and the other seven automobiles are presently on the lot at the Auto Mart.

[] was unable to say whether [] paid the cash for these automobiles on March 5, or March 6, 1961, or identify the individual at Sterling-Harris who received the money from []. According to [] was the only one to enter Sterling-Harris on March 6, 1961, when the cars were obtained. He said that [] has indicated that this transaction was made with [].

[] stated that his wife, [] and brother, [] had never entered or driven the automobiles registered in their names. In fact, [] signed the application for title at 7811 East End Avenue without having seen the automobile. [] was of the opinion that []

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lawyer, [redacted] was in possession of all the papers on these automobiles.

[redacted] was unable to name anyone else who purchased an automobile from Sterling-Harris over the March 4-5, 1961 weekend.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

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[redacted] Evanston Cab Company and Red Top Cab Company, 645 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, advised as follows:

He ordered a fleet of cabs through the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency some four to six weeks prior to the actual delivery on March 5, 1961. He explained that delivery of his cabs depended on what was being produced at the Ford Motor Company at the time. He pointed out that quite often there would have to be a wait on delivery if the particular model ordered would not be in production at the time of order.

When [redacted] was advised he could pick up the aforementioned cars, [redacted] whom he dealt with mainly, indicated he wanted cash rather than a check. [redacted] pointed out to [redacted] that his check was good, but if that was [redacted] preference, he would pay in cash. [redacted] claimed that if he had known Sterling-Harris was going into bankruptcy, he would never have purchased a car from them.

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[redacted] stated that in addition to buying cabs for the company, he also purchases for individual drivers who drive for the company. He stated in this way, he is able to get a better price for these cabs.

[redacted] had records of purchase of some 13 cabs, and although he did not make them available, he did identify them by owner, serial number, and by the price paid on them. All of these cabs are 6 cylinder, four door, 1961 Fords and are as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V148048	\$2216.71

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<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V145172	\$2216.71
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V139036	\$2290.75
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V148361	\$2216.71
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1F32V169193	\$2215.90
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1F32V209651	\$2216.71
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V142933	\$2260.75
Chicago Red Top Cab Company, Evanston, Illinois	1G32V150524 1G32V150526 1G32V150527 1G32V150523	\$2250.00 \$2250.00 \$2250.00 \$2250.00
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V148360	\$2216.71
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois	1G32V148049	\$2216.71

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[] stated that the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, had been in contact with him regarding the purchase of the cabs and they had indicated to him that they were concerned about his obtaining rightful title to them. It was their opinion that the titles which [] has not been able to obtain as yet should not be withheld from him. [] stated that he had told the lawyers for the Ford Motor Company that the FBI had been conducting an investigation with regard to this matter and they had indicated to him that they could not understand why the FBI would have an interest in this matter.

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[] advised that his partner, [] is presently on vacation and will not return until after the first of May, 1961.

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On April 20, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, Mark V Beauty Salon, 8746 East Prairie Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, by SAs [redacted] and LEON B. LAKE, Jr. [redacted] said he resides at [redacted] Chicago. He said the 1961 Ford four door that was recently purchased in his name was purchased for him by Red Top Cab Company, 3736 North Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. He said he has a taxi license which he acquired in 1948, and that his cab is operated as a Red Top Cab by another driver. He said Red Top Cab handles the operation of his cab and at such times that they think he needs a new cab they so advise him and tell him they will get his new cab at the best price they can. [redacted] said he did not know where the cab company was buying his cab until after it was purchased. He said Red Top Cab Company has all the papers on his cab and that he does not know how much they paid for it as the cab company pays his cab off out of the money which is made from the cab. He said he is paid on profits the cab makes after the driver gets his money and after Red Top Cab Company is paid so much a month by him to handle his cab. He said the [redacted] Red Top Cab Company is [redacted] and the [redacted] is [redacted]

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[redacted] said he could furnish no further information regarding this matter.

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Date April 24, 1961

[redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed and furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Ill.
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"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to obtain this statement.

"I reside at the [redacted] and am employed by the Red Top Cab Association, Inc., 3736 N. Halsted St., Chicago, as a cab driver. The cab I drive is a 1960 Ford, Engine #9G32V 174291. This car was purchased by Red Top Cab Association in my name about June, 1960, from Schumaker Ford Co., Evanston, Ill. because the cab license is in my name as a veteran. I signed the application for the title for this car.

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"I have been shown a photostat of an application for Certificate of Title to a 1961 4 door Ford Sedan, Identification #1G32V 139036, bearing signature of [redacted]

[redacted] Said application shows that the car, a new one, was purchased by [redacted] on Mar. 5, 1961 from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., 2626 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Ill. with the signature of the Selling Dealer shown as Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., by [redacted]

"I wish to state positively that I did not sign this application and that I do not know who signed it. I wish to state, also, that I did not purchase the above last described car (1961 Ford) that I do not know who purchased

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it or who has it at present.

"Sometime during March, 1961, I received a letter from the Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill., concerning an application for title for a 1961 Ford allegedly filed by me. It mentioned Sterling-Harris Ford and I believe it contained a statement to the effect that they were in bankruptcy. It stated that titles on cars sold by Sterling-Harris were being held up pending an investigation, it referred me to a Chicago lawyer, whose name I don't recall, if I desired further action in connection with the application. I know I had not purchased this car and that I had not filed an application for a title for it, so I disregarded it and threw the letter away.

"I did not give anyone permission to buy any 1961 Ford for me and in particular I did not authorize the purchase of that 1961 Ford described above with Serial #1G32V 139036.

"In addition to the 1960 Ford, Engine # 0G32V 174291, referred to above, I also signed applications for titles for a 1957 Chevrolet, purchased new in 1957 and a 1959 Ford, purchased new in 1959. These transactions were also handled and paid for by Red Top Cab Association, Inc. of which [redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted]

"I know of no one who has purchased any automobiles from Sterling-Harris Ford Co. at any time.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three pages beside this page and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses:

"/s/ SA [redacted]

"/s/ SA [redacted]

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voluntarily furnished samples of his handwriting stating that he desired to do everything possible to show that he did not sign the application for title.

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[redacted] advised that he had a 1961 Ford recently purchased for himself for use as a taxi cab. He stated that he is the owner of this automobile and that the automobile is being used as a taxi cab by the Red Top Taxi Cab Association (Red Top), Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he does not drive this taxi cab but that the association furnished a driver. He further stated that the association maintains his taxi cab and furnishes drivers for a monthly management fee.

[redacted] examined a photostat of "Application for Certificate of Title" (Exhibited to him by SA (A) THOMAS F. KELLY, JR., bearing Identification Number IG32V14808, for a four door sedan, six cylinder 1961 Ford) and stated that the signature thereon is his. He stated that he had signed the application in the Red Top office, but does not recall the exact date that he signed the application. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had instructed Red Top to purchase a new 1961 Ford for him inasmuch as he was having considerable motor and repair trouble with his present taxi cab.

[redacted] recalled that when he signed the application his name and address was on it and that he does not recall any other data except that "Ford" was on the application. He stated that he had been very specific in his preference in the make of the new automobile that was to be purchased for him.

[redacted] advised that the purchase price for his new 1961 taxi cab was \$2,261.00. He stated that he does not have any of the purchase documents in connection with this taxi cab, inasmuch as the transaction was handled by Red Top. He further stated that he is positive that the necessary documents relative to this purchase are in the files at Red Top. He further stated that he does not have any idea of the Identification Number of the taxi cab that was purchased for him.

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[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, advised that approximately two months ago, a 1961 Ford four-door automobile was purchased for him by the Red Top Cab Association, 3736 North Halsted, Chicago, from the Sterling Harris Ford Company, 2626 Cicero Avenue, Chicago. He stated that he is a member of the Red Top Cab Association, and with money paid to the association by him, the above mentioned car was purchased, which car was then leased to the association for use as a cab on a flat rental fee basis.

[redacted] related that he does not know the exact date on which the automobile was purchased or the identity of the individual in the association purchasing same. He stated, however, that [redacted] and [redacted] are the officers of the Red Top Cab Association and the automobile was most likely purchased by one of these individuals. He advised that he believes the automobile was paid for by check, but he is unable to state this as a fact, however, all documents pertaining to the purchase can be obtained from the association's office..

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[redacted] remarked that due to the fact he is not in possession of the documents relating to the above automobile, he is unable to furnish any information as to the serial or identification number.

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is a member of the Red Top Cab Association, located at Grace and Halsted Streets, Chicago, and recently, based on information furnished by this association, he purchased a 1961 Ford four-door automobile from the Sterling Harris Ford Company, 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago.

[redacted] stated that it is the practice of the Red Top Cab Association to obtain information concerning the identity of automobile dealers who could make the best deals to association members who desired to purchase automobiles. He related that approximately one month ago, the exact date not recalled, when he heard through the association that Sterling Harris could give him the "best deal," he contacted that company and purchased the above mentioned automobile. He remarked that the automobile was paid for by check, but he does not recall to whom this check was paid.

After the purchase of the automobile, according to [redacted] it was leased to the Red Top Cab Association for use as a taxicab. He advised that all documents pertaining to the purchase of the automobile, including the canceled check, are maintained at the association headquarters.

[redacted] related that [redacted] is the manager of the Red Top Cab Association and is the individual to contact relative to locating the above mentioned documents.

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Date April 24, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his office, [redacted] and furnished the following information:

[redacted] is an attorney in the law firm consisting of [redacted] and [redacted]. The Red Top Cab Company, 3736 North Halsted Street, is one of his clients. [redacted] and [redacted] are the [redacted] respectively of the Red Top Cab Company. In addition to being business clients, these persons are his close personal friends. [redacted] stated that on one occasion he mentioned to [redacted] that he was interested in purchasing a small type automobile for his, [redacted] wife. Subsequently, during the first week of March, 1961, [redacted] received a call from [redacted] informing him that he was in a position to obtain a 1961 Ford for him if he still desired. [redacted] inquired as to the price of this vehicle, at which time [redacted] told him that it would cost him roughly \$2,300; whereupon, [redacted] agreed to purchase the car. On March 6, 1961, [redacted] contacted [redacted] and advised him that he then had in his possession a new 1961 Ford for [redacted]. On the same date [redacted] visited [redacted] at his place of business, the Red Top Cab Company headquarters, 3736 North Halsted, Chicago, where he gave [redacted] \$2,300 in cash and picked up the 1961 Ford.

[redacted] produced a photostat copy of his unsigned bill of sale. This document revealed that one 1961 Ford Fairlane four door sedan, six cylinder, Serial Number 1G32V140918, was purchased at a cash price of \$2,167.84. To this amount was added \$75.87 sales tax, making a total of \$2,243.71. The car was described as new, color red, and no trade-in allowance was made. The salesman's name was shown as [redacted]. The original bill of sale is in the possession of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, and [redacted] did not wish to furnish his photostat copy for use.

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In addition, [] made available a letter addressed to him from the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advising him that the title and registration for this vehicle were being enjoined and restrained by the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois. [] informed that this car is presently in his possession at his residence,

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[] described this car as being a red six cylinder 1961 Ford Fairlane four door sedan, which is equipped with radio, heater, white wall tires and automatic transmission.

[] stated that he was not personally acquainted with the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, had never been on the premises and is not aware of any other individual who may have purchased a vehicle from this Ford agency.

Date March 23, 1961

 was interviewed at Jay Cee Motors, 5420 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he resides at Telephone HU 6-5550, and has been in the used car business for about three years. He advised that on Saturday, March 4, 1961, he was contacted by a friend of his, who is an employee of Sterling-Harris Ford and told him that on March 5, 1961, Sunday, Sterling-Harris was going to have a sale; that they were going to sell all of the cars they had on their lot.

 stated that as a result of this information on Sunday evening, March 5, 1961, at about 7:30 p.m., he went to Sterling-Harris Ford on North Cicero and bought eleven cars for \$11,175.00. He stated that he contacted either or when he arrived at the car lot and was told to go out and look the cars over which were on the lot and when he had decided on the cars that he wanted they would figure out a price. He purchased the eleven cars from either or who were unknown to him prior to that Sunday evening when he bought the cars from them. He gave them a check for the total amount of the cars and made arrangements with his wife and other members of the family to take these cars from Sterling-Harris to his used car lot on West Madison Street. The transfer of these cars was accomplished by 11:30 p.m. Sunday evening. b6 b7C

He estimated that he had purchased these eleven cars for about \$3,500.00 below wholesale price and if he was able to sell these cars at the going retail price he would make a profit of \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. He stated that he realized Sterling-Harris was practically giving the cars away but if he didn't buy them somebody else would.

On Monday morning, March 6, 1961, he was contacted by Winter-Hirsch, his finance company and the company who floor plans all of his automobiles, and was asked if he had purchased any cars from Sterling-Harris. Winter-Hirsch told him that they would not floor plan these cars. Associate Discounts floor plans all of Sterling-Harris' cars and they had contacted Winter-Hirsch and told them

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not to floor plan any of Sterling-Harris' cars that had been purchased by their clients since they were the property of Associate Discounts.

[] advised that since Winter-Hirsch would not floor plan these cars and he could not raise the money in any other way and still do business with Winter-Hirsch, he decided to return the cars to Sterling-Harris. Later on Monday, March 6, 1961, a representative from Sterling-Harris called on [] to deliver the titles to the cars and [] told him at that time he could not purchase the cars as he had intended. On Tuesday, March 7, 1961, he was recontacted by a Sterling-Harris representative and told that he would be given thirty days in which to pay for the cars if he wanted to purchase them in such a manner. He declined. On Wednesday, March 8, 1961, a representative from Associate Discounts came to his used car lot and took the serial numbers from all of the cars that he had purchased from Sterling-Harris. While the Associate Discounts man was at the used car lot a man from Sterling-Harris arrived with the titles to these cars and made arrangements for their removal. The cars were taken by Sterling-Harris and [] has no knowledge of their present whereabouts. b6 b7C

When he was at Sterling-Harris to purchase the cars he recognized several other persons there who were also dealers buying cars but did not recognize anyone else. He stated that he had heard that on Saturday and Sunday, March 4, and 5, 1961, Sterling-Harris had sold between 200 and 300 cars. He stated that 1961 Fords were selling for \$1,200.00 and 1960 Thunderbirds were selling for \$1,750.00. He advised that all of the cars were "sharp" and were selling at an exceptionally good price. He could furnish no additional information concerning Sterling-Harris Ford.

Date April 21, 1961

On April 20, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Jay Cee Motor Sales, 5420 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Illinois, advised SAs [redacted] and
AVERY DACUS as follows:

[redacted] stated that on Sunday evening, March 5, 1961, he decided to take his usual drive around the Northwest area of Chicago in search of prospective cars to purchase for his car lot. [redacted] stated that he drove by the Sterling-Harris Ford agency located at 2700 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, and observed an unusual amount of activity in and around the showrooms. [redacted] stated that he entered the Sterling-Harris premises and talked to several unknown individuals, descriptions unrecalled, and was told by an individual "You can get some cars worth the money". [redacted] advised he proceeded to look around and took certain numbers and physical descriptions of automobiles on the premises and approached a salesman of Sterling-Harris, name not known, described as a white male American, red hair, in late 40's, wearing glasses and quite portly in appearance. [redacted] stated that he dealt with this individual and contracted to purchase some cars. This purchase list dated March 5, 1961, signed by [redacted] reflected that Jay Cee Motor Sales purchased the following eleven automobiles:

U-2482, 1961 Ford 2 door
U-2479, 1961 Ranchero
U-1938, 1959 Ford Galaxie, 4 door
U-1005, 1960 Ford, 4 door hardtop
U-2197, 1958 Ford, 4 door
U-2541, 1957 Chevrolet hardtop

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by [redacted] /BJD Date dictated 4/21/61

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U-1526, 1953 Ford, 4 door

N-7891-196, 1960 Ford, 4 door

N-7932-269, 1960 Ford, 2 door hardtop

U-2463, 1959 Ford, 2 door sedan

U-1955, 1960 Ford Starling

The salesman handling this transaction did not sign the bill of sale and only affixed his initial thereon which appears to be "S".

[] stated further that he had told this unrecalled salesman for Sterling-Harris that he usually "floors his cars through Winter and Hirsch, 1842 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago". [] stated that the total price of the aforementioned cars was \$11,175.

[] stated that the salesman for Sterling-Harris demanded cash payment in this transaction and was told by [] that he usually does not carry "that kind of money" and if he could wait until the next morning to obtain this money if possible through Winter and Hirsch, he would then have the \$11,175 in cash. [] stated that he approached his finance company and was told that [] and [] would refuse to floor the cars bought from Sterling-Harris. [] stated that he had on March 5, 1961, driven the ten cars of the contracted eleven automobiles to his lot at 5420 West Madison Street and were left on his lot. [] stated that he only received ten cars of the eleven cars contracted for, and that the 1961 Ranchero, previously described under Sterling-Harris Number U-2479, was never received and had never seen this automobile.

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[] stated that on March 6, 1961, a representative from Sterling-Harris called him concerning

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the cars and asked whether he could handle them. [] stated that this representative further wanted to know if he could not handle them whether he knew of anybody else who could handle them and made inquiry concerning the \$11,175. [] stated that this representative of Sterling-Harris also asked whether it would be permissible to leave the cars on the lot for several days.

[] stated also that on approximately March 7, 1961, an individual from Auto Town, 1121 West Madison Street, Maywood, Illinois, appeared at his lot and made inquiry concerning the Ford automobiles on his lot. [] stated that he told this individual who he knows only as an agent for Auto Town that he had obtained the cars from Sterling-Harris but could not floor them and could purchase them for the amount of \$11,175.

[] stated that on March 8, 1961, the representative from Auto Town as well as a representative from Sterling-Harris and a representative from Associates Discount Corporation were on his lot. [] stated that he had earlier called Associates Discount Corporation to come and pick up the cars on his lot but had not heard from either [] or [] Associates Discount Corporation representatives.

[] then stated that a check in the amount of \$11,175 payable to Jay Cee Motors was given to [] and all three, namely the representative of Auto Town, Sterling-Harris and [] proceeded to a bank located at Madison Street and Harlow Avenue, in order to cash this check and that the \$11,175 was then turned over to the representative of Sterling-Harris Ford agency. [] stated that when he returned to his lot at 5420 West Madison Street all ten cars had been taken off the lot. [] stated that he did not know the name of the representative of Sterling-Harris but described him as a white male American, late 30's, approximately 5'10",

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175 lbs., slim build. [] stated that he did prepare the applications for the titles of the three new cars and that the signature thereon is his signature.

[] stated he could not further recall the serial numbers, motor numbers or any further physical description of the automobiles involved. [] stated that while the cars were on his lot he did furnish Associates Discount Corporation a complete list of the motor numbers and physical descriptions of the ten automobiles. [] stated that the eleventh car in question, namely the 1961 Ranchero, previously listed as Sterling-Harris Number U-2479, was to be handled between Auto Town and Sterling-Harris.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1961

On April 21, 1961, [] Executive Officer, Illinois Motor Vehicle Facility, 5415 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SAs [] and LELAND G. RICHIE. [] advised that several weeks ago, an individual described below came to his office to make a complaint inasmuch as he had not received the titles to 2 cars which he purchased from the Sterling-Harris Company. [] had told the individual at that time that there was nothing he could do about the matter, that a stop had been placed on cars from Sterling-Harris by the Title Division in Springfield, Illinois. This individual became quite aggravated and abusive with [] called [] Chief Clerk, Title Division, in Springfield, Illinois, and told [] of this individual's complaint and that the individual was at that moment in [] office. At that time, [] advised [] that this individual had telephoned him 3 or 4 times previously in Springfield on this matter. [] does not recall this individual's name nor does he recall the automobiles involved.

[] described this individual as being an Italian with dark, curly hair, about 5'10" or 5'11" in height, about 30 years of age and weighing about 250 pounds.

[] advised that when an Application for Certificate of Title Only is executed, it may be specified that the title be mailed to any person so long as there is no lien against the automobile. He stated he would not say it was customary for employees of that office to have titles mailed to themselves as an accommodation to customers, however, it has been done in the past.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] and SA(A) THOMAS F. KELLY, Jr.:

On April 20, 1961, an attempt to locate []
[] Chicago, Illinois, met with
negative results. The Chicago Street Address Directory and
the Chicago Telephone Directory do not reflect a listing for the
foregoing name and address.

Physical examination of West Lexington Street, Chicago,
Illinois, revealed that most buildings in the 700 block have
been demolished. The only remaining buildings are on the odd
number side starting with number 763.

There is no such street as North Lexington Street
in Chicago, Illinois, inasmuch as Lexington Street is an East-
West street and not a North-South street.

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Date April 24, 1961

[redacted] American Bail Bond Company,
1135-1137 South State Street, Chicago, advised there is no one
by the name of [redacted] employed at that address. He also
advised he does not have a record of any such person as a client
within the last 3 years.

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On April 20, 1961, SAs [redacted] and ROBERT F. BARRY attempted to locate one [redacted] at [redacted]. It was determined that there was no such address and, in fact, where this address would have been was a vacant lot. [redacted] who has resided at that address for the past 10 years, advised that there is no [redacted] and that the name [redacted] is quite unfamiliar to her.

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On the same date, Postal Inspector [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had contacted the mail carriers who handles the route covering the address at [redacted] [redacted] and this carrier had advised him that there is no [redacted] residing on his route.

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[redacted] landlord, [redacted]
was interviewed at George's Barber Shop, 3508 West Chicago
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that there is no
present tenant by the name of [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] and he does not recall that there was ever a
tenant by that name at that address.

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[redacted] rear of [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, advised he does not recall a [redacted]
as a present or former tenant at that address.

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by SAs [redacted] and
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Information previously received from [redacted]
[redacted] Attorney, Associates Discount Corporation (ADC)
was that [redacted] Lyons, Illinois, obtained
title to a 1961 Falcon, four door, on March 6, 1961. This
was one of the cars on which ADC placed a stop with the
Secretary of State's Office.

Investigation by SAs C. EARL SHAW and CHARLES J.
MELONE disclosed that Lyons, Illinois, ends and Brookfield,
Illinois, begins at 8700 Ogden. There is no such address
as [redacted] There is a building at 9600 Ogden, which
is the last building before an overpass located between
Congress Park, Illinois, and La Grange, Illinois, under which
overpass runs the Burlington Railroad tracks. Agents also
attempted to locate a 7608 Ogden in Lyons, Illinois; however,
this address would be located directly in the middle of a creek.

The only [redacted] listed in the Chicago and suburban
telephone directories was one [redacted]
Berwyn, Illinois, telephone ST 8-7022.

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A photostat of the title application was received
from Attorney [redacted] on April 21, 1961. This document
reflects that [redacted] Lyons, Cook County,
Illinois, obtained a Certificate of Title on March 6, 1961,
for a 1961 Ford Falcon, four door, six cylinder, Serial
Number 1K12S153370, which she purchased from Sterling-Harris
Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero, Chicago, Illinois,
on March 5, 1961. The application indicates that this car
was not financed and that it was purchased as a used car.
The name and address of the Notary on this application is
illegible.

[redacted] Berwyn, Illinois,
was contacted on March 21, 1961. [redacted] stated he does not
know a [redacted] and has never heard of another family
in the Chicago area who spells their name the same way as his.

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The following Schedule lists the cars, which according to Attorney [redacted] were missing and unaccounted for according to Associates Discount Corporation records as of April 13, 1961. Any information that he had regarding purchasers is also shown on this Schedule.

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CLASSIFICATION OF CAR	YEAR	MAKE	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO.	COST PER P. D. C.	STERLING- HARRIS STOCK NO.	PURCHASER
NEW	1960	FORD	TRUCK	F60G0614568	2752.48	7529	
"	"	"	"	F60C0616470	2618.62	7727	
"	"	"	"	F10J0619371	1635.19	440	
"	"	"	TWN. SDN.	0G42V144388	2166.00	7940	
"	"	"	" "	0G52V146376	2424.01	NAME SHOWN	
"	"	"	4 DR.	0G32V147118	2035.73	7954	
"	"	"	2 DR.	0G31V171214	1842.97	476	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
"	"	"	CONV.	0G53W174342	2626.43	533	
"	"	"	TWN. SDN.	0G42V178539	1944.69	586	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	CONV.	0G53W178960	2717.68	621	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
"	"	"	"	0G53W179349	2717.88	622	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	0F53X269111	2773.04	457	
"	"	"	"	0F53X272522	2762.44	477	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	0F53X271421	2762.44	465	SKOKIE, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	0F53W272585	2717.94	489	
TOTALS FORWARDED					36497.48		

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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD					36497.48		
NEW	1960	FORD	CONV.	2F55X291046	2703.04	574	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	1961	"	TRK.	C55CV 110660	3056.43	916	
"	"	"	"	F11CK 113275	2358.88	1006	SHERIDAN ELECTRIC CO. 4203 FULLERTON AVE. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	E10SH 120439	1608.97	965	
"	"	"	"	F10TG 121398	1654.87	1047	
"	"	"	"	E10SH 125359	1608.97	1042	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> EXCELSIOR, MINNESOTA
"	"	"	CAB	C75CV 131712	3005.01	1170	
"	"	"	PICK UP	E10SH 130144	1608.97	1112	
"	"	"	"	E10SH 132445	1608.97	1181	
"	"	"	TRUCK	1632V 150527	2171.83	NONE SHOWN	CHICAGO RED TOP CAB CO. EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	1632V 150528	2171.83	" "	"
"	"	"	CLD. SDN.	1651W 104697	2478.88	734	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	TWN. SDN.	1652W 104494	2520.88	740	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> STERLING-HARRIS ANNOUNCER
"	"	FALCON	4 DR. SDN.	1K12S 111704	1694.96	757	
TOTALS FORWARDED					66749.97		

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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD					66749.97		
NEW	1961	FORD	2 DR. H.T.	1657W116548	252773	843	[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	FALCON	4 DR. SDN.	1H12S 117133	170132	825	[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	2 DR. WGN.	1H21S 117135	210572	862	
"	"	FORD	2 DR. SDN.	1641V 118028	216036	863	
"	"	FALCON	2 DR. WGN.	1H21S 118062	204272	876	
"	"	T-BIRD	2 DR. H.T.	1Y712 122516	380881	1177	
"	"	FALCON	4 DR. SDN.	1H12S 124734	170132	918	
"	"	"	"	1K12S 126188	196222	856	[REDACTED] STERLING-HARRIS ANNOUNCER
"	"	FORD	H.T.	2653V 126774	228672	935	[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	1653W 126725	246428	936	
"	"	"	"	1653V 127254	235107	950	
"	"	FALCON	4 DR. SDN.	1H12S 128073	170132	975	
"	"	FORD	2 DR.	1631V 129170	207129	971	
"	"	T BIRD	CONV.	1Y732 133767	441945	NONE SHOWN	[REDACTED] RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS
TOTALS FORWARDED					100654.30		

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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD					10005430		
NEW	1961	FORD	4 DR. SEDAN	1642V134572	220236	1030	
"	"	"	"	1642V135000	198431	1089	
"	"	FALCON	4 DR.	1H12S137957	170132	1100	
"	"	"	2 DR. WGN.	1H21S138459	201487	1168	
"	"	FORD	CLB. SEDAN	1641V138450	194231	1113	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	4 DR.	1632V139036	211329	1092	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	1632V139782	189524	1116	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	CUSTOM CAB	E105H140151	212164	1225	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	FALCON	4 DR.	1H12S140916	170132	1153	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	FORD	"	1632V140918	206784	1131	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	TWN. SEDAN	1642V140919	198431	1147	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	1653W141295	250327	1148	
"	"	FALCON	4 DR. SEDAN	1H12S141348	170132	1151	
"	1960	FORD	CLB. SEDAN	0651W141606	240109	7891	J. C. MOTOR SALES 5420 W. MADISON CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
TOTALS FORWARDED					128388.79		

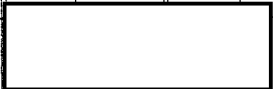
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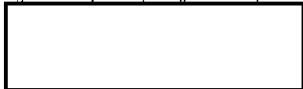
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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD							12838879			
NEW			1961	FORD	CLB. VICTARA	1657W141634	244538	1145		
"			"	FALCON	2 DR.	1411S 141771	165072	1176		
"			"	"	4 DR.	1412S 141772	170132	1169		
"			"	"	2 DR. WGM.	1421S 141773	190987	1192		
"			"	FAIRLANE	2 DR.	1631V 142259	185324	1123		
"			"	GALAXIE	TWN. SEDAN	1652W 142262	243962	1175		b6 b7C
"			"	FALCON	2 DR. SDN.	1K11S 142337	165067	997		
"			"	GALAXIE	CLUB VICT.	1657W 142642	244538	1174		
"			"	FAIRLANE	4 DR.	1632V 142933	211329	1186		
"			"	"	"	1632W 143344	221210	1190		
"			"	FORD	CLUB SEDAN	1641W 143345	203312	1188		
"			"	"	TOWN SEDAN	1642W 143346	230117	1191		
"			"	FAIRLANE	2 DR.	1631W 143709	209855	1189		
"			"	"	4 DR.	1632W 143710	198605	1205		
TOTALS FORWARDED							15726947			



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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD							15722947			
NEW			1961	FORD	CLUB SEDAN	1641W143711	225917	1208		
									CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"			"	FAIRLANE	TOWN SEDAN	1642W14371V	210122	1207		
"			"	FALCON	4DR. SEDAN	1H125143835	170132	1196		
									CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"			"	FORD	TOWN SEDAN	1642W144069	230118	1197		
"			"	"	"	1642W144423	230118	1201		
"			"	"	"	1642V144414	215692	1210		
"			"	FAIRLANE	4DR.	1632W144823	221211	1212		
"			"	"	TOWN SEDAN	1642V144826	220237	1215		b6 b7C
"			"	"	4DR.	1632V145172	204175	1217		
"			"	FALCON	"	1H125145684	183417	NONE SHOWN		
									CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"			"	"	2DR.	1K115146177	165067	1034		
									CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"			"	GALAXIE	CLUB VICT.	1657W146288	249444	1219		
"			"	FALCON	4DR. SEDAN	1H125147545	183417	NONE SHOWN		
"			"	"	"	1H125147546	193917	"		
									VILLA PARK, ILLINOIS	
TOTALS FORWARDED							18625931			

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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD						18628931		
NEW		1961	FORD	4 DR. SEDAN	1632V148048	204175	1231	<div></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"		"	FAIRLANE	4 DR.	1632V148049	204175	1243	<div></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"		"	FORD	"	1632W148050	218601	1246	<div></div> SKOKIE, ILLINOIS
"		"	FALCON	4 DR. SEDAN	1K12S148165	176427	1062	
"		"	FORD	2 DR.	1631W148359	209856	1232	
"		"	FAIRLANE	4 DR.	1632V148360	204175	None shown	<div></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"		"	"	"	1632V148361	204175	"	<div></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"		"	FALCON	"	1K12S149852	183401	"	<div></div> FLOSSMOR, ILLINOIS
"		"	"	"	1K12S152004	170127	1154	
"		"	"	"	1K12S152026	170127	1139	
"		"	"	"	1K12S153370	170127	1140	<div></div> LYONS, ILLINOIS
"		"	"	4 DR. SEDAN	1K12S157608	183412	1224	
"		"	FORD	"	1F42V168195	213004	974	<div></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"		"	"	"	1F32V169193	204097	982	<div></div> CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
TOTALS FORWARDED						21341810		

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TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD					21341810			
NEW	1961	FORD	2SDN	1F41V169194	215959	968		
"	"	"	4 H. T.	1F54V174371	251735	1009		
"	"	"	2SDN	1F3N174372	207052	995		
"	"	"	4SDN	1F42V179628	220159	1027	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"	"	"	"	1F42V180543	198354	1025		
"	"	"	"	1F42V181599	220159	1038	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"	"	"	4DR. SEDAN	1F52W185663	242430	1071		
"	"	"	SDN.	1F42V188051	220159	1105	ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS	b6 b7C
"	"	"	4DR. RANCH WAGON	1F62V190019	216164	1102		
"	"	"	"	1F62V193477	235359	1138	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"	"	"	COUNTRY SDN.	1F64W194553	265202	1137	NORTH LAKE, ILLINOIS	
"	"	"	"	1F64W195733	256967	1135	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
"	"	"	4DR. RANCH WAGON	1F62W196794	248063	1164	MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS	
"	"	"	RANCH WGN.	1F61V198229	232777	1162		
TOTALS FORWARDED					24572349			

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SCHEDULE OF CARS REPORTED MISSING BY
ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT CORPORATION

CLASSIFICATION OF CAR	YEAR	MAKE	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO.	COST PER A.D.C.	STERLING - HARRIS STOCK NO.	PURCHASER
TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD					24572349		
NEW	1961	FORD	COUNTRY S.W.	1F64V 198230	245681	1163	
"	"	"	RANCH W.G.N.	1F61W 199099	242623	1171	
"	"	"	COUNTRY S.W.	1F64V 199100	245681	1161	
"	"	"	4 DR. RANCH W.G.N.	1F62V 205401	230822	NONE SHOWN	
"	"	"	COUNTRY S.W.	1F64W 205402	255535	"	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	1F66W 205403	269878	"	
"	"	"	"	1F64W 206288	240085	"	
"	"	"	TOWN SEDAN	1F42W 207976	236358	"	
"	"	"	4 DR.	1F32V 209651	204105	"	
"	"	"	"	1F32V 209652	208650	"	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	"	"	"	1F32V 210408	204170	"	
"	"	"	TOWN SEDAN	1F42W 210410	230015	"	
"	"	"	RANCH W.G.N.	1F62V 210411	230822	"	
USED	1957	CHEVROLET	P.A. H.T.	VK5TJ 208016	54000	2541	
TOTALS FORWARDED					27670774		

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SCHEDULE OF CARS REPORTED MISSING BY
ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT CORPORATION

CLASSIFICATION OF CAR	YEAR	MAKE	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO.	COST PER A.D.C.	STERLING - HARRIS STOCK NO.	PURCHASER
TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD					27670774		
USED	1958	DODGE	WGN.	LD314684	875.00	2184	
"	1960	FORD	STARLINER	0653W100763	2250.00	1842	
"	"	"	H. T.	0Y71Y102868	2950.00	1746	
"	"	"	"	0653V104013	1850.00	1955	
"	1961	FALCON	4DR. WAGON	1H2VVS10492V	2070.00	2352	
"	1960	FORD	4DR. H. T.	0654W107070	2250.00	1678	
"	1958	"	4DR.	C866107381	610.00	2197	
"	1960	"	4DR. SEDAN	0642W113333	1700.00	2068	
"	"	"	4DR.	0F54X114677	2400.00	1005	
"	1961	"	RANCHERO	1K27S116154	1500.00	2479	
"	1959	"	2DR. SEDAN	C966116005	880.00	2463	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
"	1958	"	STA. WGN.	A86R126707	595.00	2533	
"	"	"	4DR. SEDAN	C866134023	750.00	1526	
"	1957	"	WGN.	A76X165430	700.00	2259	SKOKIE, ILLINOIS
TOTALS FORWARDED					29808774		

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CLASSIFICATION OF CAR		YEAR	MAKE	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL No.	COST PER A.D.C.	STERLING- HARRIS STOCK No.	PURCHASER
TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD						29808774		
USED		1957	FORD	WGN.	CJGX170881	35000	2584	
"		1959	"	4 DR.	C9FS216807	130000	1938	
DEMONSTRATOR		1961	"	GAL. LDR. H.T.	1657W140921	271648	NONE SHOWN	
"		"	"	FALCON 4DR.	1H12S121222	192841	"	
"		"	"	GALX 4DR.	1652X124931	264527	"	
"		1960	"	"	065W116493	208916	"	
TOTALS						30911706		

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] Power Motor Company, 211 Madison, Oak Park, Illinois, furnished the following information:

On April 13, 1961, he purchased two 1961 Fords from Mars Oldsmobile, 5027 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the total sum of \$4,200.00, and issued his Check Number 8871, in this amount to Mars in payment. He furnished his copy of Mars Bill of Sale for these cars which were identified as a 1961 Ford Town Sedan, Serial Number 1G42W144413, and a 1961 Ford two door ranch wagon, Serial Number 1F61W199099. He said he had observed these cars on Mars used car lot for about two weeks before he purchased them from [redacted] Mars Oldsmobile. He said he recalled that the cars had been previously titled and therefore he did not believe they were Sterling-Harris cars.

He said when he bought these cars, he was acting as agent for [redacted] a used car dealer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and that the cars had been shipped there. He has been buying cars for [redacted] as an agent for the past twenty years.

If he had known they were Sterling-Harris cars he never would have purchased them.

On 4/24/61 at Oak Park, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SA [redacted] dkz Date dictated 4/26/61

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Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] Mars Oldsmobile, 5027 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

The 1961 Ford Town Sedan, Serial Number 1G42W144413, that he sold to [redacted] on April 13, 1961, was taken in in trade on March 20, 1961, from [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. b6 b7C

The 1961 Ford two door ranch wagon, Serial Number 1F61W199099, that he sold to [redacted] on April 13, 1961, was taken in in trade on March 24, 1961, from [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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by SA [redacted] :dkz Date dictated 4/26/61 b6 b7C

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Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] Glencoe, Illinois, b6
was interviewed at his place of business, [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Chicago, and furnished the following
information:

[redacted] 2662 Cicero
Avenue, to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated (SHF), although
they used the address of 2626 Cicero Avenue, as their
official address. [redacted]

[redacted]

He went to Palm Springs, California, for a
vacation on February 24th or 25th, 1961, and returned to
his home in Glencoe, about 8:00 p.m., March 9, 1961.
About 10:00 p.m., that evening he received a telephone
call at home from [redacted]
of SHF who asked if he would meet with him the next day

[redacted] He agreed and he and [redacted] b6
met at the Pie-Pan Restaurant at the corner of Peterson b7C
and Cicero Avenues in Chicago, at about 9:00 a.m., on
March 10, 1961. Only he and [redacted] were present.
at this meeting and [redacted]

[redacted]

given to [redacted] and [redacted]
He said through mistake his secretary had dated this
check March 9, 1961.

At no time did he receive a phone call
threatening him or members of his family if he did not
[redacted]

He further stated that earlier this year, he

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by SAs CHARLES J. MELONE & [redacted] D&S dictated 4/24/61 b6
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had [redacted] if he would [redacted]

[redacted]

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His check to SHF is in the hands of his
Attorney [redacted]
Chicago, who would make a copy of it available.

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[redacted] Attorney, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, stated on April 18, 1961,
that he would have a photostat made of [redacted]
check to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated.

On April 19, 1961, he made available a photostat
of this check. It was Check Number 1324, dated March 9,
1961, in the amount of [redacted] payable to Sterling-
Harris Ford, Incorporated, and was signed [redacted]
The check was drawn on The Exchange National Bank of
Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. The check was endorsed
Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, and deposited in the
American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.
Above the endorsement appeared the statement [redacted]

[redacted]
Incorporated, and [redacted] ---." This also
released [redacted] and/or [redacted] Incorporated,
of all claims. [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] dkz Date dictated 4/24/61

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Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] American National Bank and Trust Company, 33 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

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About March 10, 1961, an attorney and customer of the bank named [redacted] came to him with a check in the amount of \$25,000.00, payable to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated (SHF), and asked him to cash it and assuring him it was a perfectly good check. He could not cash the check because it was payable to a corporation and told him that in order to handle the check for him it would be necessary that an account be opened and that a corporate resolution and the corporate seal be filed with the bank. This was done and the check was deposited in the name of SHF on March 10, 1961.

On 4/19/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SA [redacted] :dkz Date dictated 4/24/61

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Date April 28, 1961

The records of the [redacted]
[redacted]
reflect the following information:

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The above information is not to be made public
unless a subpoena duces tecum is issued to the [redacted]
The subpoena should be directed to [redacted]
[redacted]

On 4/20/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SA [redacted] dkz Date dictated 4/24/61

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[redacted] Wilmette, Illinois, was advised that he could consult with an attorney, that he did not have to furnish any information and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law.

He advised that he was the attorney for Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, and was the attorney who drew up the corporate papers. He stopped representing the company in 1960 after a business disagreement with [redacted] although they still visit socially. [redacted] is married to his, [redacted]

On March 10, 1961, [redacted] asked him to handle some legal business for him. He declined to state what this business was because of the attorney-client relationship. b6 b7C

He was shown a copy of the \$25,000.00 check dated March 9, 1961, payable to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, and signed by [redacted]. He said he had seen this check before but, because of the attorney-client relationship, would not discuss it or its disposition.

He informed that he had suffered a heart attack about 11:00 a.m., on March 12, 1961, and was hospitalized at Bethesda Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. His physicians were Doctor [redacted] and Doctor [redacted] and he is presently under their care. He stated he has been confined to the hospital and his home since March 12, 1961. He said he had discussed this bankruptcy on one occasion with [redacted] attorney for Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, and it was his opinion that the bankruptcy proceeding was completely illegal. He declined to say why he considered it to be illegal.

On 4/21/61 at Wilmette, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 4/24/61 b6 b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1961

[redacted] on
[redacted] Sterling-Harris Ford
Agency are [redacted] made available
the following records relating to the Sterling-Harris Ford
Agency. An inventory of these records is as follows:

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1. Two Black General Ledgers (unbound) and no identification on cover (size 11 inches by 9½ inches) for the year 1960 and January and February, 1961. The 1960 General Ledger has seven major sections, Assets, Liabilities, Sales, Cost of Sales, Expenses, Non-Operating Income, Non-Operating Deductions. The 1961 General Ledger has seven major sections, the first five are the same as 1960 and the last two are Other Income and Other Deductions, and this ledger is posted to February 28, 1961.
2. One Black Ledger (unbound) and no identification on cover (size 16 inches by 11½ inches) containing the following sections:
 - a. Purchase Journal - showing entries for January and February, 1961, only and is posted to the General Ledger.
 - b. General Journal - showing entries for January and February, 1961, posted to General Ledger. Also two entries dated March 6, 1961, not posted. Further, this section also contained "Standard Entries Journal" for January and February, 1961, posted to General Ledger.
 - c. Cash Receivable Journal - showing entries for January and February, 1961, posted to the General Ledger.

On 4/21-24/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 49-2290
by SAs ALTON E. BRAMBLETT, [redacted]
[redacted] & THOMAS F. KELLY, Jr./rms Date dictated 4/24/61

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- d. Cash Disbursement Journal - showing entries for January, 1961 only and is posted to the General Ledger.
 - e. Car and Truck Sales - showing entries for January and February, 1961, posted to General Ledger.
 - f. New Car Purchases - showing entries for January and February, 1961, posted to the General Ledger.
- 3. One folder containing loose General Ledger Sheets "Closed Accounts Receivable".
 - 4. Two boxes of 5 by 8 inch white cards reflecting new car sales for 1960 and 1961. These cards are filed alphabetically by the customer's name. There are 91 cards in the 1961 box, the earliest date of sale being January 3, 1961 and the latest being January 30, 1961. Attached to the back of the 1961 cards are smaller white cards reflecting a stock number and body style of a car and also a dollar amount. The new car sales cards record the following information: Stock Number; Description of Car including color, body style, cylinders, code number, serial number, key number, and accessories; Customers' Name and Address; Date Sold; Inventory Number; Salesman; and Total Cost.
 - 5. Two boxes of salmon colored 5 by 8 inch cards reflecting used car sales for 1960. These cards are filed alphabetically by the customer's name. These cards are captioned Used Car Inventory Record and reflect the following information: Stock Number; Received From and Date; Customer's Name and Address; Date Sold; Invoice Number; Description of Car, including Make, Serial Number, Year and Color.

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6. One large box marked "General Checks Dated From June, 1959 to June 30, 1960". This box contains cancelled checks beginning with number 101 dated June 22, 1959 and ending with check number 2403 dated April 4, 1960, drawn on the Peoples National Bank of Chicago. This box further contains cancelled checks beginning with number 100 dated April 4, 1960 and ending with check number 1504 dated June 30, 1960, drawn on the Peoples National Bank of Chicago.
7. One large box marked "Payroll Checks Dated From July, 1959". This box contains cancelled checks beginning with number 1 dated July 30, 1959 and ends with number 1339 dated October 27, 1960. Checks numbered 1 through 275 are drawn on the Main State Bank, Chicago, and the checks numbered 276 through 1339 are drawn on the Peoples National Bank of Chicago.
8. One large box containing cancelled checks drawn on the Peoples National Bank of Chicago. These checks begin with number 1505 dated June 3, 1960 and the last check is number 4623 dated December 28, 1960.
9. Two green binders (unbound) containing pink check vouchers. Checks were drawn on the Midwest Bank and Trust Company, Elmwood Park, Illinois. Binder number one begins with voucher number 4150 dated December 2, 1960 and ends with number 4730 dated January 5, 1961. Binder number 2 begins with number 4731 dated January 6, 1961 and ends with number 5096 dated January 23, 1961.
10. Four green binders (unbound) containing car invoices reflecting the sale of cars and filed numerically by invoice number. Binder number

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one contains invoices beginning with number 1 dated March 22, 1960 and ends with number 824 dated June 29, 1960. Binder number 2 begins with invoice number 825 and ends with number 1673 dated October 31, 1960. Binder number 3 begins with invoice number 1674 dated November 3, 1960 and ends with invoice number 2184 dated December 31, 1960. Binder number 4 begins with invoice number 2185 dated January 6, 1961 and ends with invoice number 2477 dated January 31, 1961.

11. One large box containing check vouchers for 1961 with accounts set up alphabetically. This box further contains one brown loose leaf notebook containing "Notes Receivable Analysis" from March 31, 1960 to October 31, 1960.
12. Three packages of loose ledger cards size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 4 inches.
13. One folder marked "Checks to Sign" containing 7 uncompleted transactions with customers. This folder also contains work papers reflecting salesman's salary and commission for February, 1961. It also contains two new car stock cards bearing numbers 476 and 856.
14. One folder marked "Auditor's Statements" containing daily sales summary of service dated from January 3, 1961 to March 6, 1961. This folder also contains work papers for Balance Sheet (six pieces of working paper). The folder also contains instructions from Ford Motor Company regarding Financial Statements, one dated July 26, 1960 and one dated December 19, 1960.

15. One folder captioned "Bank Reconciliation" containing the following:

- a. Two bank statements on closed accounts at Main State Bank, Chicago, closed on August 10, 1960.
- b. One bank reconciliation, with tape, for January, 1961, no statement.
- c. Nine bank reconciliations with statements attached and miscellaneous tapes, debit and credit memorandums and deposit slips, etc. These bank reconciliations were for the following months:

December, 1960 - Peoples National Bank of Chicago
and the Midwest Bank and Trust
Company;

November, 1960 - The Midwest Bank and Trust Company;

November, 1960 - Peoples National Bank of Chicago;

October, 1960 - "

September, 1960 - "

August, 1960 - "

July, 1960 - "

June, 1960 - "

May, 1960 - "

16. One brown envelope containing bank statement for Sterling-Harris Motors, Inc. for December 30, 1960 through January 23, 1961 and also three cancelled checks numbered 3500, 3965, and 4060. The cancelled checks and bank statement are from the Peoples National Bank of Chicago.

17. One brown envelope marked Midwest Bank and Trust Company, Elmwood Park, Illinois, with a penciled notation "Bank Reconciliation January, 1961"

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containing green Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. cancelled checks numbered 3899 dated November 18, 1960 through 4899 dated January 10, 1961.

18. One brown envelope marked Midwest Bank and Trust Company, Elmwood Park, Illinois, with a penciled notation "Bank Reconciliation, January, 1961" containing: three green bank statement sheets; miscellaneous adding machine tapes; debit memorandums; one package pink payroll cancelled checks number 1 dated January 4, 1961 through number 205 dated January 31, 1961; One package pink payroll cancelled checks number 2073 dated December 6, 1960 through number 2328 dated January 3, 1961; one package green cancelled checks number 4900 dated January 11, 1961 through number 5236 dated January 30, 1961.
19. One brown envelope marked Midwest Bank and Trust Company, Elmwood Park, Illinois, containing miscellaneous pink payroll cancelled checks, as well as two green bank statements dated February 1, 1961 and February 18, 1961 and miscellaneous tapes and debit and credit memorandums.
20. One brown envelope marked Midwest Bank and Trust Company containing Sterling-Harris Ford Company green cancelled checks numbered 5432 dated February 9, 1961 through number 5616 dated February 24, 1961.
21. Six packages of deposit slips for the following months:

August, 1960 - Peoples National Bank of Chicago
September, 1960 - "
October, 1960 - "
November, 1960 - "
December, 1960 - Midwest Bank and Trust Company
January, 1961 - "

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22. Six packages of white delivery slips for the months of September, October, November, December, 1960, and January and February, 1961. These slips describe the vehicles, reflect serial numbers and give the names and addresses of purchasers as well as description of vehicles traded in on new cars.
23. Miscellaneous records:
 - a. One customer's receipt book - Armored Express Corporation of America reflecting dates March 17, 1960 through March 7, 1961.
 - b. One package of yellow colored miscellaneous receipts numbered from 8550 through 8713 and dated February 4, 1961 through February 10, 1961.
 - c. One package of white IBM cards bearing dealer number 41B017. These cards are the Ford Dealer's Report of Vehicle Delivery.
 - d. One package of pink cancelled payroll checks drawn on account of Sterling-Harris Motors, Inc., on the Peoples National Bank of Chicago numbered 1236 dated October 18, 1960 through number 1600 which is stamped "void".
 - e. One package of pink cancelled payroll checks drawn on account of Sterling-Harris Motors, Inc. on the Peoples National Bank of Chicago, numbered 1357 dated October 31, 1960 through number 2500 which is marked "void".
24. One small box containing Employees Earnings Record cards for the year 1961. One package of six check vouchers drawn on the Midwest Bank and Trust Company.

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Harris Ford, Inc. An inventory of these records is as
follows:

1. One green General Ledger (unbound) with the following notation appearing on the cover "Sterling-Harris Studebaker 1959-1960 Ledger."
2. Fourteen binders (unbound) containing cash receipts tickets, yellow in color. One binder has the following information recorded on the front "Cash Receipts, From 101 to 182, From # E24600 to E24744, From E2500 to E25399." The first receipt in the binder is dated March 16, 1960, and the last receipt is dated April 12, 1960. The other 13 binders contain accounting copies of cash receipt tickets numbered numerically on the face from number 1000 to 9200 and covers the period April 20, 1960, to March 1, 1961. The binder reflecting receipts to 9200, contains receipts numbered to 9209.
3. 284 alphabetically filed folders reflecting new and used car sales for 1961 with each folder containing the transaction of a particular sale.
4. 24 alphabetically filed folders reflecting new and used car sales to other automobile dealers for 1961 with each folder containing transactions concerning the sale of automobiles.
5. 14 folders reflecting the sale of automobiles to individuals that were later cancelled out.
6. 13 miscellaneous folders captioned as follows:
 1. Inventory
 2. Boat

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3. Mid Central Ins. Co. - [REDACTED]
4. Ford Motor Company - New Car Rebate
5. Ford Motor Company - 1960 Sales Incentives and Bonuses
6. Ford - Insurance and Damage Claims b6
7. Ford Times Magazine b7C
8. Illinois Sales Tax
9. [REDACTED]
10. 1863 Claims Satisfied in 1961 (2 folders)
11. Accounts and Notes Receivable - Charged Off Accounts
12. Bill of Lading on New Cars.

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On April 13, 1961, the Springfield Office was requested to place stops with the Illinois Secretary of States Office on the vehicles which were still missing and on which no information regarding the identity of the purchaser had been received.

On April 17, 1961, similar stops were placed with National Auto Theft Bureau (NATB), Chicago, Illinois.

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The 4/27/61, "Chicago Tribune" carried an article captioned "Missing Auto Inquiry Turns to Milwaukee" which reflects that investigators began an effort to trace 50 cars which Chicago gangsters attempted to peddle in Milwaukee. Attorney [redacted] representing the bankruptcy receiver reportedly stated he would question a Milwaukee Bartenders Union official, [redacted] about the missing autos. The article states [redacted] reported to Milwaukee police that he purchased a car from Sterling-Harris Agency on 3/6/61.

The article further states that on 3/6/61, Chicago hoodlums offered to sell 50 of the Sterling-Harris cars to a Wausau, Wisconsin auto dealer by the name of [redacted]. The article states that [redacted] now under police guard, said he was threatened after he refused to buy the cars at a conference in a Milwaukee hotel room. Milwaukee police said the threat was made by PHILIP (MILWAUKEE PHIL) ALDERISIO, a Chicago gangster and reputed triggerman. The article, in conclusion, reflects that [redacted] said he wanted to determine whether the auto [redacted] purchased was among the 50 cars offered to [redacted].

The information in the above article was previously known to this office and leads have been set out to interview [redacted] and [redacted]. The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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2 AUTO AGENTS WON'T TESTIFY HIT BY REFEREE

Move to Cite Them for Contempt

A federal bankruptcy referee denounced two car dealers yesterday for their refusal to answer questions in the gangland mystery of the missing autos.

Referee Stephen R. Chummers declared that Leroy Silverstein, 35, and George H. Harris, 37, former partners in the Sterling-Harris Ford agency, had invoked the 5th amendment in a "ridiculous, reckless, and haphazard" manner.

Gives Only His Name

Harris refused to give anything more than his name at a federal District court bankruptcy hearing against the auto agency. Silverstein did not go that far. He said it might tend to incriminate him to admit that he used the name of Sterling when he sold cars.

Chummers directed Richard B. Ogilvie, attorney for the Sterling-Harris bankruptcy receiver, to prepare petitions citing Silverstein and Harris for contempt of court.

120 Cars Missing

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago police, and the agency's creditors have been investigating the disappearance of 300 autos from the agency on March 5 and 6. More than 120 of the cars still are missing.

Witnesses at the hearing said that Leo Rugendorf, a hoodlum loan shark, ordered the cars driven from the Sterling-Harris lot. Later, police learned, a reputed gang triggerman, Philip Milwaukee Phil Alderisio, attempted to sell 50 of the cars in Wisconsin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD,
INCORPORATED, ET AL
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For the information of the Bureau [redacted] Associates Discount Corporation, former FBI SA, advised that in a recent conversation with [redacted] former SAAG, that [redacted] told him that Federal Judge ROBSON had asked him, [redacted] if he was receiving co-operation from the FBI in this matter and he told the judge that he had had no contact with the FBI, but people from the Associates Discount Corporation had. The judge wanted to know if Associates Discount Corporation representatives were receiving any co-operation from the FBI. [redacted] told [redacted] that he had received excellent cooperation from the FBI.

[redacted] further advised that as a result of [redacted] inquiries in this case to date, not one single asset of the bankrupt has been located. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] was not interested in locating assets, which should be his prime purpose, but only in gaining publicity for himself.

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URGENT 5-8-61 11-19 PM DFS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 49-15138

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 49-2290

STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL. NBA. [REDACTED] REPORTER,
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE, TODAY ADVISED TRIBUNE EDITIONS TOMORROW WILL
CARRY NEWS STORY RE FOLLOWING.. ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE CARPENTIER
HAS ADVISED [REDACTED] HE RECEIVED COURT ORDER OF MARCH FIFTEEN LAST,
RESTRAINING HIM FROM ISSUING TITLE CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN STERLING
DASH HARRIS CARS AND THAT THROUGH HUMAN ERROR, TWENTY FOUR TITLES WERE
ISSUED AFTER THAT DATE. THESE TITLES TO BE REVOKED. IN ADDITION, LIC. b6
PLATES WERE ISSUED FOR ELEVEN CARS FOR WHICH TITLES NOT ISSUED BY STATE. b7C
SEVEN OR EIGHT OF THESE PLATES ISSUED TO LEO RUGENDORF OF TWIN FOODS
AND HIS RELATIVES. THESE PLATES ALSO WILL BE REVOKED. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT
CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT BY [REDACTED] EVANSTON
CAB CO., AND ILL. STATE SENATOR RICHARD A. NAPOLITANO TO HAVE TITLES
ISSUED FOR CARS TRANSFERRED TO EVANSTON CAB COMPANY., HOWEVER, CAR-
PENTIER REFUSED TO ISSUE TITLES OR RETURN THE PAPERS TO EVANSTON CAB
COMPANY IN VIEW OF THE COURT ORDER. ABOVE IS FOR BUREAU INFORMATION AND
COPIES OF [REDACTED] ARTICLE WILL BE FORWARDED. REC-37 49-15138-16

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)
UNSUB. [REDACTED] VICTIM
NBA; 000.

The contents of your teletype were discussed with the Criminal Division of the Department and the opinion was given that a preliminary investigation should be conducted into a possible Obstruction of Justice violation.

[REDACTED] should be interviewed and the results of the interview should be discussed with the AUSA, Chicago, to determine whether further investigation is warranted.

NOTE: Chicago teletype states that [REDACTED] secretary to [REDACTED] Sterling Harris Ford Agency, Chicago, received two anonymous telephone calls in which the caller made threats for [REDACTED] to lay off bankruptcy case. Facts discussed with AUSA, [REDACTED] Chicago who stated he believes that calls constitute "An attempt to corruptly influence the due administration of Justice". [REDACTED] declined to give prosecutive opinion and requested Bureau obtain same from Department.

Criminal Division attorney, [REDACTED] General Crime Unit advised on 5/9/61 that the facts appeared to be a violation of the Obstruction of Justice statute and was under the opinion the Bureau should conduct a preliminary investigation and present to the AUSA.

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URGENT 5-8-61 6-07 PM RJL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /49-15138/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2290/ 2P

UNSUB., [REDACTED] DASH VICTIM, NBA DASH OOJ. [REDACTED]

RECEIVER IN STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD, INC. NBA CASE, AT TWELVE
FIFTEEN P.M. MAY EIGHT INSTANT ADVISED THAT HIS SECRETARY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ABOUT ELEVEN A.M. MAY SEVEN LAST RECEIVED

ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL AT HOME FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE. CALLER

STATED QUOTE IS THIS [REDACTED] ENQUOTE. SHE REPLIED QUOTE YES

IT IS ENQUOTE. CALLER ASKED QUOTE DO YOU WORK FOR [REDACTED] ENQUOTE,

TO WHICH SHE REPLIED QUOTE YES ENQUOTE. CALLER SAID QUOTE YOU TELL

HIM TO LAY OFF IN THE STERLING HARRIS CASE ENQUOTE OR WORDS TO THAT

EFFECT AND HUNG UP. ABOUT TWO HOURS LATER SHE RECEIVED SECOND CALL

FROM UNKNOWN MALE WHO SAID QUOTE TELL [REDACTED] HE-S HAD HIS SECOND

WARNING ENQUOTE AND HUNG UP. MATTER DISCUSSED WITH AUSA [REDACTED]

WHO SAID HE BELIEVED CALLS COULD CONSTITUTE QUOTE AN ATTEMPT TO

CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE THE DUE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ENQUOTE. [REDACTED]

DECLINED TO FURNISH A PROSECUTIVE OPINION AND REQUESTED

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cc: Gillispie

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PRIOR TO [] CALL, I PERSONALLY HAD RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM THE
PRESS CONCERNING THIS ALLEGED THREAT TO [] IT APPEARS THAT []
HAD DISCUSSED THIS ALLEGED THREAT WITH THE NEWSPAPERS PRIOR TO BRINGING
IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BUREAU. INFORMATION CONCERNING ANOTHER
ALLEGED THREAT REPORTED BY [] WAS CONTAINED IN CHICAGO AIRTEL TO b6
BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVENTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ENTITLED UNSUB., b7C
[] DASH VICTIM, OOJ. [] IS ASSOCIATED IN THESE BANK-
RUPTCY PROCEEDINGS WITH [] FORMER AAG AND THEY ARE
APPARENTLY SEEKING PUBLICITY BY ANY MEANS. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF BUREAU TO CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION
OF THIS ALLEGED THREAT AND NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED UACB.
END AND ACK PLS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CLEVELAND	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 5/8/61	Investigative Period 4/28/61
TITLE OF CASE STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC. : aka., [REDACTED]		Report made by SA (A) [REDACTED]	Typed By: rnr
		CHARACTER OF CASE NBA	

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REFERENCES

Chicago airtel to Cleveland, 4/25/61 (interoffice).
Cleveland airtel to Chicago, 4/28/61 (interoffice).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago, Illinois

Report of:

SA(A) [REDACTED]

Office:

CLEVELAND

Date:

May 8, 1961

Field Office File No.:

49-576

Bureau File No.:

Title:

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Akron, Ohio, advised she purchased 1960 Ford sedan from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, through her brother, [REDACTED] approximately 3/5/61. Exhibited Ohio Certificate of Title dated 3/10/61 showing purchase price as \$2,266.00. Claimed she paid no money to Sterling-Harris but arrangement for payment made by [REDACTED] to whom she had loaned \$1,500.00 and also gave him her 1956 Ford.

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DETAILS:AT AKRON, OHIO

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 8, 1961

[redacted] Akron, Ohio, advised she had asked her brother, [redacted] Skokie, Illinois, to be on the lookout for a new car for her. She said she owned a 1956 Ford, which had been purchased at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., and had dealt with this company because her brother was a personal friend of [redacted] [redacted] having attended high school with him.

She said in the early part of March, 1961, her brother informed her he could get her a good buy on a 1960 Ford sedan at Sterling-Harris. She said she agreed to the purchase and about March 5, 1961, her brother bought the car for her.

[redacted] advised that previously she had loaned her brother \$1,500.00 to help him out and so it was arranged between them that her brother would pay for the new car and she would give him her 1956 Ford and they would consider his debt to her as having been repaid. She said about March 6, 1961, her father drove the new car from Chicago, Illinois, to Akron, Ohio, and returned the 1956 Ford to her brother in Skokie, Illinois. She stated she paid nothing to Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., and had left all of these arrangements to her brother. b6 b7C

She said she had titled the car in Ohio and paid the Ohio sales tax. She exhibited Ohio Certificate of Title No. 770381592, issued by the Summit County Auto Title Bureau, Akron, Ohio, on March 10, 1961, for a 1960 Ford Fairlane four-door sedan, VIN OQ42V 144398, to [redacted] Akron, Ohio. The previous owner is shown as Sterling-Harris Ford, 2700 North Cicero, Chicago, Illinois. The purchase price is shown as \$2,266.00.

[redacted] said she did not know what arrangements had been made between her brother and [redacted] concerning the purchase of this car for her and he would have to be interviewed concerning this.

On 4/28/61 at Akron, Ohio File # Cleveland 49-576
by SA(A) [redacted]/rmr Date dictated 5/4/61 b6 b7C

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Date: 5/11/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, [REDACTED] - VICTIM
NBA - OOJ

Re Chicago teletype 5/8/61 and Bureau airtel 5/9/61.

[REDACTED] receiver in Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., NBA case requested police protection from this office, 5/10/61. [REDACTED] advised that at 1:15 PM, 5/10/61, his secretary, [REDACTED] was accosted by unknown white male while walking down State Street in Chicago's Loop. Unsub muttered unintelligible words ending with "give the message to [REDACTED] not to put it in the newspapers." [REDACTED] states she never saw the man's face and just saw his back as he ran into Carsons Department Store. States she would be unable to identify unsub. [REDACTED] was advised this office unable to afford police protection and to contact local police department if deemed necessary.

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[REDACTED] Age 19, interviewed 5/11/61 and stated that after she received first telephone call on 5/7/61 she telephoned and advised [REDACTED] of same but did not tell her parents who were home. Upon receipt of second call did not advise either [REDACTED] or her parents. When she arrived at work 5/8/61 [REDACTED] said he had discussed the telephone call with [REDACTED] and, at [REDACTED] suggestion, the story concerning the phone call had been given to the Chicago Daily News. She then told him of the second call and he said they had better advise the FBI. Concerning her meeting with unknown male on State Street 5/10/61 [REDACTED] said she heard the words [REDACTED] and "Newspaper" in her left ear. She

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looked to her left and saw no one. She looked to her right and saw a man in Carsons Department Store who was running away. At that time she assumed he was the person who spoke to her but when interviewed said she had no way of knowing whether he was the man or not. She said that the more she thought about it the whole incident could have been a figment of her imagination.

AUSA [REDACTED] on 5/11/61 said the alleged telephone calls and conversation which occurred on State Street do not constitute an apparent violation and he did not believe further investigation was warranted.

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Date: 5/9/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;
ET AL
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Re Chicago teletype dated 5/8/61.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the
Bureau are two copies of an article appearing in the 5/9/61
edition of the Chicago Daily Tribune re-captioned matter.

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ENCLOSURE

STATE FINDS 28 'SLIPPED' TITLES THRU

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Obtains Clew at Accardo Party

BY SANDY SMITH

Twenty-eight persons, including crime syndicate gangsters and their relatives and friends, have obtained auto titles in violation of a federal District court order, state officials discovered yesterday.



Napolitano

The titles came to light, THE TRIBUNE learned, in a survey by state officials of the auto license plates of scores of hoodlums who attended a gay gangland ball given April 27 by Tony Accardo, the millionaire gangster.

Investigators for Charles F. Carpentier, Illinois secretary of state, found that the titles had been used on cars which disappeared from the Sterling-Harris Ford agency in a gangland mystery.

Carpentier said he would revoke the 28 titles today. The titles were issued thru a "human error" in his Springfield office, he said.

"On a busy day, our office handles 10,000 auto titles," Carpentier explained. "The 28 Sterling-Harris titles just slipped by our men."

Plates Issued to 11

Carpentier ordered his agents

to recover state license plates which were obtained by 11 persons who purchased Sterling-Harris cars. The owners obtained the plates even tho they were unable to get titles to the vehicles, Carpentier said.

Meanwhile, one of Carpentier's aids, Theodore W. Grippo, 32, an attorney, disclosed that threats and political pressure were used by the Sterling-Harris buyers in an effort to obtain auto titles.

The threats were made by telephone, Grippo said, to supervisors in the Springfield auto title offices. The political pressure, according to Grippo, was applied by State Rep. Richard A. Napolitano [D.]

Tells Dozen Visits

Napolitano, a 31st ward stalwart for Ald. Thomas E. Keane, visited Grippo's office "a dozen times" in a vain attempt to get titles for 11 purchasers of Sterling-Harris cars, Grippo said.

However, the 28 other titles cleared Carpentier's office from March 15 to April 7, despite an order issued on March 15 by Stephen R. Chummers, federal bankruptcy referee. Chummers refrained the secretary of state from "issuing . . . or transferring title to any auto" sold by the Sterling-Harris agency.

Chummers is hearing an involuntary bankruptcy action against the Sterling-Harris agency. The proceedings were filed after 300 autos vanished from the agency on March 5 and 6.

Leo Rugendorf Involved

Among the gangsters who obtained auto titles after March 15 was Leo Rugendorf, 46, of 4020 Chase av., Lincolnwood, a gang loan shark. Rugendorf will appear today before a federal grand jury which, along with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been investigating the missing auto puzzle.

At the bankruptcy hearings, Rugendorf invoked the 5th amendment to avoid testifying. He said that fear of possible self-incrimination prevented him from saying whether he had a hand in the disappearance of the cars or had made loans to the Sterling-Harris agency.

Attorneys for the Sterling-Harris creditors then charged that the autos were taken by Rugendorf and other hoodlums when the agency allegedly defaulted on loans from underworld sources.

Hoodlums at Party

Many hoodlums turned out for the Accardo party in a Cook county roadhouse, the Villa Venice, to celebrate the marriage of Accardo's daughter, Linda Lee, 22, to Michael Palermo, 24, of Melrose Park.

Among the guests was Charles [Chuck] Nicoletti of 2745 Lexington st., a west side gambling chief. Nicoletti drove to the wedding reception in a car he purchased March 6 from the Sterling-Harris agency. The license number was reported by police to the secretary of state.

Transfer Is Disclosed

The state records disclosed that Nicoletti transferred the title of the Sterling-Harris car to another person on April 21—five weeks after Chummers' order against issuing titles. Checking the transfer, state agents found that the auto title had been issued after the court injunction.

The investigators then found that a second Accardo wedding guest drove a Sterling-Harris auto. This car was licensed in the name of Dolly Pantone, 917 S. Bishop st.

On April 12, the title of the Pantone auto was shifted to a Galena [Ill.] resident.

Other Numbers Checked

When these two transactions showed that Chummers' order had been violated, the investigators checked the serial numbers of all the Sterling-Harris autos listed as missing. This disclosed that 28 titles in all had gone out after the court order.

The titles were received by Rugendorf, his brother, Sam, workers in the Rugendorf brothers' meat companies, and others.

At the same time, Rugendorf obtained six sets of license plates on trucks and autos for which he could not obtain titles, state investigators said. The Rugendorf license plates were included in the 11 sets which Carpentier ordered his investigators to recover.

Almost 100 workers in the secretary of state's offices in Chicago and Springfield had the responsibility for stopping the Sterling-Harris title applications, Carpentier said.

All but 12 Found

All but a dozen of the 300 Sterling-Harris cars have been found by federal investigators and attorneys, it was learned. Many of the autos turned up in the possession of crime syndicate gamblers, hoodlums, and loan sharks.

The mob's strongmen apparently showed up in droves to buy cars for cash at the Sterling-Harris firm on Sunday March 5, investigators said.

The titling of the autos in defiance of the court order was the latest bizarre twist in the case.

Offers to Sell 50

At least 50 of the cars were offered for sale in Milwaukee on March 6 by Philip [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio, a gang triggerman. Alderisio is the partner of Rugendorf in the underworld loan shark racket.

Authorities in Wausau, Wis., are guarding an auto dealer who received a death threat from Alderisio after the dealer refused to buy 50 Sterling-Harris cars at a meeting in a Milwaukee hotel room.

Another Sterling-Harris car popped up later in Las Vegas, Nev., with a gang courier, Joseph [Joë Pig] Pignatello, at the wheel.

Pignatello, a former \$385 a week "sales manager" of the Sterling-Harris agency, refused to give Nevada authorities the name of the man to whom he was delivering the car.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 5/12/61	Investigative Period 4/24 - 5/11/61
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REFERENCE: Report of SA Chicago, dated 4/28/61.

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LEADS

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Complete the interviews of persons identified as purchasers of the missing Sterling-Harris Ford vehicles.

2. Prepare a schedule reflecting the identity of persons who purchased missing cars, date of purchase, amount paid, and information concerning registration with the Illinois Secretary of State.

3. Interview persons identified as drivers of cars from Chicago to Park City, Illinois on March 6, 1961.

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4. Maintain contact with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED]

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No leads are being set forth for other divisions because they have previously been set out by airtel or other communication.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SAA [REDACTED]
Date: May 12, 1961

Office: Chicago, Illinois

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Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD,
INCORPORATED, ET ALCharacter: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT
(ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)Synopsis: Interviews with purchasers of Sterling-Harris cars
reflects that practically all purchased cars over
week end of March 4-5, 1961, and paid for same with
cash. Identity of persons who drove cars from Chicago
to Park City, Ill.. on March 5-6, 1961, set forth.[REDACTED] on 5/9/61,
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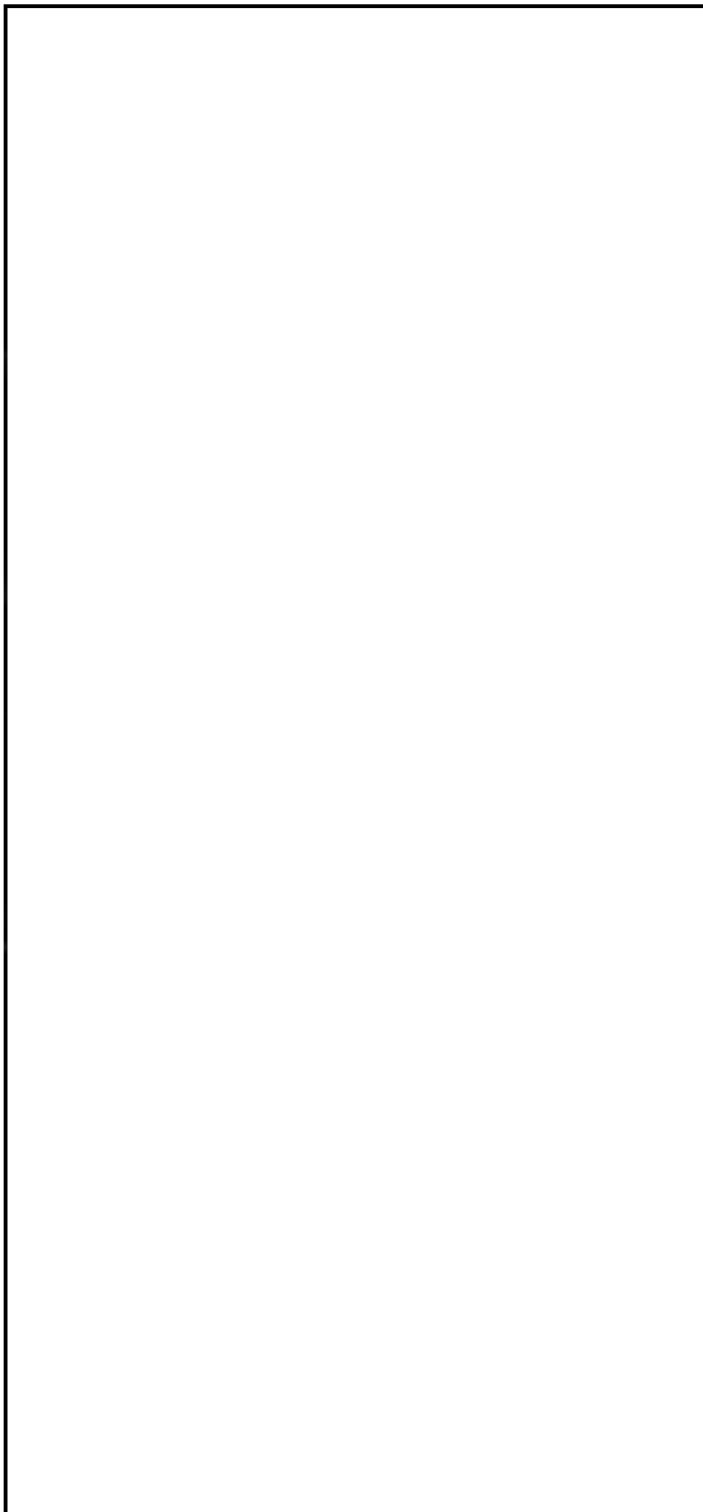
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Information Concerning Identity of Persons Who
Drove Cars from Chicago to Park City, Illinois, and
Concerning Disposition of \$25,000. Deposited to Account
of [Redacted] March 13, 1961

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/61

[redacted] telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and advised that he was calling for his brother [redacted] refused to furnish his address.

[redacted] advised that the serial number of the 1961 Ford Falcon purchased by his brother [redacted] was 1K11S146177 and bore 1961 Illinois License [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that the bill of sale for the 1961 Ford Falcon had been misplaced but even if he had the bill of sale he would not make it available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On 4/24/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 48-2290

by SA C. EARL SHAW:gmf Date dictated 4/26/61

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CEP:jms

The following investigation was conducted at Chicago, Illinois, by SAs CHARLES E. PRICE and WALTER A. BOYLE:

On April 26, 1961, efforts were made to locate [redacted] at 4112 Congress, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] also known as [redacted] advised that he resides at this time at the above address and that he has made no purchase from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. He stated that the only automobiles that he owns are a 1957 Chevrolet and a Willys Panel Truck, however, he stated that he has a son by the name of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

On April 26, 1961, efforts were made to interview [redacted] with negative results. It was noted on the mail box at this address that [redacted] occupy the apartment on the first floor of this building. [redacted] was subsequently contacted and she advised that her husband was [redacted] also known as [redacted]. She stated that she did not know where he was or how she could get in touch with him, nor did she know where he was employed; and that she preferred the questions be directed to him instead of her. She said she would have him contact this Office as soon as he returned home.

On April 26, 1960, [redacted] advised that she is the mother of [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] resides at her residence, but that she does not know where [redacted] resides. She said that [redacted] is employed by the Ludlow Typograph Company, Chicago, Illinois, but could not furnish any employment for [redacted]. She said she only sees [redacted] on rare occasions and knows nothing concerning his activities.

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On April 27, 1961, Investigative Clerk [redacted] searched the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, under the name of [redacted] and could locate no record. He also searched the records of the Chicago Police Department and advised that these records reflect that [redacted] date of birth is [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, his residence is listed as [redacted] in 1958, and his Social Security Number is [redacted]. The records show that [redacted] was arrested on October 12, 1958, and October 25, 1958, for traffic violations and the disposition of these arrests is shown as discharged.

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Date 4/23/61

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telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that on March 4, 5, or 6, 1961, he purchased a 1961 Ford at Sterling-Harris for about \$2500 cash. He stated he no longer has a Bill of Sale and does not feel at liberty to furnish any additional information to the FBI. He said if the FBI desires any additional information, they will have to contact his attorney [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2200

by SA [redacted] /jcm Date dictated 4/27/61

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Date April 27, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, Ludlow Typograph Company, 2032 North Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, in connection with his purchase of a 1961 Ford Fairlane sedan from Sterling-Larris Ford Agency, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] stated that he was shopping for an automobile and went to the Sterling-Larris Ford Agency, Chicago, on March 3 or March 4, 1961, and purchased a 1961 Fairlane Ford, white in color, from an unknown salesman to whom he paid approximately \$2,300 in cash. He said he was not referred to this agency by anyone. He stated that he received a bill of sale, a title, and a receipt for the Illinois sales tax paid when he purchased this car, and that the title and Illinois tax receipt were subsequently forwarded to the State Motor Vehicle Bureau in Springfield. He said the title for this automobile is presently in the possession of the Marquette National Bank, 63rd and Southwest Avenue, Chicago, from whom he subsequently received a loan. He related that he would attempt to locate his bill of sale and after discussing this matter with his attorney, would make the bill of sale available. He says he does not recall the serial or identification number of the car purchased, but that this information will be reflected on his bill of sale as well as the exact date of purchase and exact amount paid.

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[redacted] stated that his brother, [redacted] also purchased a Ford automobile from the Sterling-Larris Ford Agency. He said he does not know the exact date of this purchase, but it was subsequent to his own purchase. He said that he does not know where [redacted] resides or works and does not know how to get in touch with him. He said he formerly resided at [redacted] Chicago, with his family.

On 4/25, 27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 42-2200
by SAs CHARLES D. PRICE
and WALTER A. BOYLE/jms Date dictated 4/27/61

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On April 27, 1961, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA CHARLES E. PRICE and advised he had discussed this matter with his attorney, [redacted] Chicago, and that [redacted] had advised him that he did not see any reason for giving a statement relative to this purchase, however, he should make available the bill of sale as requested. [redacted] said that he had been unable to locate this bill of sale and that when located he would have a photostatic copy made and furnish it to this office.

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Date 5/1/61

On April 26, 1961, a white woman, who refused to identify herself by name, but said she was the maid who was in the employ of [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois. This woman refused to furnish any information regarding the identity of [redacted] or the purchase of a 1961 Ford Galaxie from Sterling Harris Ford. She refused to furnish the home telephone number of [redacted] and refused to ask [redacted] to contact SAs [redacted] and [redacted] to arrange for an interview.

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This woman is about 55 years old, 5' 3" tall, 150 lbs., gray hair, brown eyes, wears glasses, dark complexion, and neat in appearance.

On April 27, 1961, inquiry at [redacted] was unproductive. A light green two-door 1961 Ford Galaxie was observed in the garage at this address. A light blue 1958 Chevrolet Impala convertible, 1961 Illinois license GP 2116, was parked in the driveway.

On 4/26-27/61 at Melrose Park, Illinois File # CG 43-2290

by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 4/27/61

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Date May 10, 1961

[redacted]
Park, Illinois, furnished the following information:

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She purchased a new 1961 Ford from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency during the first part of March, 1961, and paid a cash price of approximately \$2,600. She could not recall the details of this purchase and requested that the Agents return on May 1, 1961, at which time she will make available for review her bill of sale regarding this purchase.

On 4/23/61 at Melrose Park, Illinois File # Chicago 44-2200
by CAJ [redacted] and [redacted] dictated 5/4/61

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Date May 10, 1961

[redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois, furnished the following information:

[redacted] made available her copy of the bill of sale which reflected her purchase of a 1961 Ford from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. A review of this document revealed the following information:

The date of the purchase was listed as March 4, 1961, and the purchaser of the car was listed as [redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois. The car was described as a 1961 Ford Galaxie, hard top, serial number IG57W142642, color green. The cash price was shown as \$2,600 to which was added \$90 sales tax making a total cash on delivery price of \$2,690. There was no trade-in allowance and no financing terms arranged. The salesman was shown as HOUSE. This bill was notarized by [redacted] on March 4, 1961, and signed by [redacted]

According to [redacted] this automobile is titled in the State of Illinois in her name and bears 1961 Illinois license [redacted]. This car is equipped as follows: Fordomatic transmission, radio, heater, white sidewall tires, and deluxe chrome wheel discs. Shortly after purchasing this car [redacted] took it to the Maywood Ford Company, Maywood, Illinois, and had power brakes and power steering installed on the car at her own expense. b6 b7C

No one steered or directed her to the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. Several weeks prior to purchasing this car [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] had been "shopping around" together to get the best price on a 1961 Ford. They made inquiry at the Maywood Ford Company, a Ford dealer in Oak Park, and several others before checking at Sterling-Harris Ford. Since Sterling-Harris offered her the car she was looking for at a price about \$200 less than any other dealer, they decided to buy it at Sterling-Harris.

[redacted] and her husband [redacted] made their first inquiry at the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on March 2 or 3, 1961, and talked with a salesman who quoted what she

On 5/1/61 at Melrose Park, Illinois File # Chicago 49-2290
by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] /kzh Date dictated 5/4/61

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believed to be a good price. [redacted] went to her bank the next day and withdrew \$2,500 in cash and returned to the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on March 4, 1961, and paid cash for her car. She does not know the name of the salesman or person to whom she gave this cash but believed him to be an official of the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. Her husband [redacted] was with her on both occasions at Sterling-Harris Ford. [redacted] declined to identify the bank from which she withdrew the \$2,500. She did not know the name of any other person who purchased a car from the Sterling-Harris Agency over the weekend of March 4-5, 1961.

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[redacted] declined to make available her copy of the bill of sale for photostating and did not wish to furnish a signed statement incorporating the above information.

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On April 26, 1961, while making an inquiry at the home of [redacted] Forest Park, Illinois, telephone FO 6-4225, [redacted] telephonically contacted his mother, at which time SA [redacted] conversed with [redacted] and arranged for an interview. [redacted] failed to appear for the interview.

On April 27, 1961, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at the Chicago FBI Office and advised as follows:

[redacted] purchased a 1961 Ford Town Sedan from Sterling Harris Ford on March 5, 1961, and paid \$2,485.22 in cash for this car. [redacted] declined to furnish any additional information unless his attorney, [redacted] was present. [redacted] had an appointment to see [redacted] at 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, at 12:40 PM on this date and requested that SA [redacted] meet him in [redacted] office.

[redacted] was told this was not agreeable and that his decision, not to be interviewed unless his attorney was present, would be brought to the attention of the United States Attorney.

On 4/26-27/61 at Forest Park, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] /mkn Date dictated 4/27/61

Date May 2, 1961

[redacted] unemployed, [redacted]
Street, Oak Park, Illinois, telephone EU 3-3759 advised as follows:

On Sunday, March 5, 1961, she purchased from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois a 1961 Falcon four-door, six cylinder, white sedan for \$1,833. No one told her of a special sale but she believes she did receive a discount for paying the entire amount in cash at the time. [redacted] refused to explain where she was able to obtain this amount of money on a Sunday. She could not find a receipted bill of sale, nor identify the person to whom she made the payment. She exhibited a certificate of title issued by the State of Illinois which showed the serial number of the car as IN 133 120073 and that 1961 Illinois license [redacted] was issued. She knew of no one else who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris and was unwilling to make any documents concerning this car available.

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On 4/26/61 at Oak Park, Illinois File # 49-2200
by SAC [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 4/27/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 27, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois,
advised as follows with regard to purchase of an automobile
at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc.:

He had attended a wake prior to the day he purchased the car and while there heard several people discussing the "good deals" which could be obtained at Sterling-Harris. He was unable to identify any of these people. After leaving the wake that night he more or less decided against going to Sterling-Harris, but the next morning decided to see what kind of deal he could arrange.

At Sterling-Harris he "dickered" with a male individual whose identity was unknown to him and eventually arrived at a purchase price of \$2,400 for a 1961, six cylinder, Ford 4-door.

[redacted] had visited Sterling-Harris approximately four to six weeks prior to the purchase of this car and at that time he had been offered a deal of \$2,400 plus his own car. On the Sunday that he purchased the car he also tried to trade in his old car but the salesman advised him he did not want a trade-in.

[redacted] in addition to not knowing the salesman with whom he dealt also does not know [redacted] or any of the individuals at Sterling-Harris.

At the conclusion of the deal, [redacted] was given a bill of sale which he signed in the right-hand corner as purchaser and instant bill of sale was taken from him by the salesman who returned with his copy in a few minutes and the copy at that time was already notarized.

[redacted] made available a photostat copy of his copy of the bill of sale and this showed that on March 5, 1961 he purchased a car listed as stock number 1027, year '61, make Ford, model F-500 (Fairlane), 4-door, Serial Number 1F42V17C623, color aqua. The bill of sale listed the cash

On 4/26/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-2200

by SAC [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 4/26/61

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price as \$2,400 and sales tax of \$84 giving a total overall price of \$2,484. The bill of sale indicated that \$2,484 cash was paid for the car. This bill of sale was notarized on the fifth day of March, 1961 and [] was shown as the notary public.

[] indicated that he could raise \$2,400 in cash quite easily within two hours' time and that even though it was Sunday, he had no difficulty in obtaining that amount of money.

[] advised that he is self-employed and runs a barber shop at []

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[] was not positive that he could identify the salesman he had dealt with because his conversation with this salesman had only lasted four or five minutes. He described this individual as 5'7", heavy build, weight approximately 185 pounds, dark hair, and in his early 30s.

[] knew of no other individuals who had purchased cars at Sterling-Harris.

Date May 2, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

On March 5, 1961, he purchased a new Ford automobile from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. He was shopping for a new automobile and was not referred to Sterling-Harris by anyone. He looked at cars at Sterling-Harris on Saturday, March 4, 1961, at about 6:00 or 6:30 p.m., but did not purchase an automobile until about 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 5, 1961. He paid cash for the automobile. His wife purchased a station wagon at Sterling-Harris on March 4, 1961, and she has furnished information concerning that purchase to the FBI.

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He exhibited an Illinois Certificate of Title for a 1961 Ford, 6 cylinder automobile, purchased now March 5, 1961, serial or identification number 1M43V100051. This title was in name of [redacted]. There was no lien on the automobile, registered March 14, 1961.

[redacted] stated his Bill of Sale was in his automobile located at his place of employment, a Standard Oil Company Station, at 233 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated he would make this Bill of Sale available for photostating on April 27, 1961. He advised he preferred not to furnish a signed statement.

On 4/23/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 45-2880

by SA [redacted] and LELAND C. BROWN Date dictated 5/1/61

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Date May 2, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, at his place of employment,
Standard Oil Company Station, 938 South Ashland Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois, made available a copy of the following
described Bill of Sale of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated,
2700 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois:

"Purchaser agrees to obtain his own Fire,
Theft and Deductible Insurance and to furnish a copy
of the Policy to Finance Company".

Purchaser

Date

Address

[redacted]
March 5, 1961
[redacted]

Salesman

Stock Number

Year

Make

Model

Body Style

Serial or Motor No.

Color

New

Trade In

Cash Price

Sales Tax

Total Price

Cash on Del.

Total Credit

Cash Unpaid Balance

To Be Financed

Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., By - (Initials Illegible)

Notary Seal of [redacted] affixed

Chicago, Illinois

House

1105

1961

Ford

Fairlane 500

4 door

1F42V188051

C. Blue

None

\$2301.59

\$ 80.55

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/s/ [redacted]

"I approve and accept the above terms"

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290by SAs [redacted] and LELAND G. RICHIE/ Date dictated 5/1/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 27, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"April 26, 1961
Chicago, Ill.

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"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following statement to John H. Lemmler and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been told that this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I was born on [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois and I now reside at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

"In February, 1961, I began looking for a new car. I priced cars at various dealers in Chicago, and on or about February 24, 1961, I stopped at Sterling-Harris Ford on Cicero Ave. A salesman, whose name I do not know, said he could sell me a station wagon for about \$2,300.00 or \$2,400.00. I continued to shop for a new car, but I could not find a new station wagon for as low a price as the one quoted me by the Sterling-Harris salesman. On a Saturday, possibly March 4, 1961, I went back to Sterling-Harris Ford and saw the same salesman and told him I wanted to buy the station wagon at the price he previously quoted. I offered to pay the full price of \$2,492.50 by giving my personal check for that amount, but the salesman said he would not accept a personal check. He said he did not know if the check was good and he would not telephone my bank, the Central National Bank, to see if my check was good.

"I therefore withdrew \$2,000.00 in cash from my safety deposit box at the Central National Bank and \$500.00 in cash from my savings account at Citizens National Bank and paid cash for the station wagon. The entire transaction took place on a Saturday.

"The only document of any type which I was given by Sterling Harris was a copy of a Bill of Sale dated March 5, 1961 showing the sale of a 1961 Ford station wagon, serial

On 4/26/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290
by SAs JOHN H. LEMMLER and [redacted] /jmb Date dictated 4/26/61

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number 1F62V210411 to me by Sterling Harris Ford, Inc. for the total amount of \$2,492.50, which included \$84.28 sales tax.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and two other pages, initialled all corrections and the statement is truth and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Ill. 4/26/61
William J. Downey, Jr., Special Agent, FBI, 4/26/61"

[redacted] made available a copy of a Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. Bill of Sale, dated March 5, 1961. This document recorded the sale of a 1961 Ford four-door station wagon, Serial Number 1F62V210411, blue in color, to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, for \$2,408.22. Sales tax in the amount of \$84.28 was added bringing the total price to \$2,492.50. The Bill of Sale indicated that this amount was paid on delivery. The Bill of Sale was signed [redacted] as the purchaser. b6 b7C

[redacted] made available a Certificate of Title for a 1961 Ford, four-door Ranch Wagon. Serial Number 1F62V210411, which was issued to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The Certificate of Title was dated March 14, 1961.

[redacted] said she did not recall the name of the salesman from whom she purchased the above station wagon but described him as white, male, 5' 6"- 7", 200 pounds, heavy build, gray hair, fair complexion, about 60 years of age and wore dark rimmed glasses.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, advised on April 27, 1961, that she is the mother of [redacted] who is 28 years of age and resides with her at this address.

[redacted] refused to furnish any information during this interview. Her answer to all questions posed was the response that she "did not know anything as her son never discusses any of his business with her."

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She was requested to inform her son that the interviewing agents were desirous of speaking to him at his convenience concerning his recent purchase of a 1961 Falcon station wagon from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. The names of the interviewing agents as well as the office telephone number were furnished to [redacted] who stated she would inform her son of our interest and furnish him with the names and telephone number of the interviewing agents.

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAs THOMAS F. KELLY, Jr. and [redacted] /saf Date dictated 4/28/61

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Date 5/3/61

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone VI 2-6402, was contacted at the 5 Points Restaurant, 6400 West Archer Avenue, at which time he was interviewed in a Bureau car. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is 18 years old and is employed by the City of Chicago.

[redacted] had been shopping around for a new car and on Sunday afternoon, March 5, 1961, he and his mother, father, brothers and sisters stopped at Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, to look at new Fords. [redacted] purchased a new 1961 Ford and paid \$2,022.94 in cash for this car.

[redacted] made available the following described documents to be photostated and the originals to be returned to him.

Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, Bill of Sale, dated March 5, 1961, for a 1961 Ford Fairlane, Tudor, Serial Number 1G31V142259, and blue in color. This bill of sale shows the total purchase price as \$2,022.94 and signed by [redacted]

State of Illinois, Certificate of Title, in the name of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, for a 1961 Ford, Serial Number 1G31V142259. This document is dated March 17, 1961.

[redacted] does not recall the name of the salesman who sold him the 1961 Ford. He described the salesman as white, male, early 40's, 5' 8" and looked Irish. [redacted] signed the bill of sale.

[redacted] borrowed \$2,022.94 from his mother and gave the \$2,022.94 in cash to the salesman. [redacted] mentioned that the salesman requested cash. After paying for his car [redacted] was told he could pick up his car at a lot on North Avenue. [redacted] picked up his car on March 5, 1961, at the North Avenue location, however, he does not recall the exact location. The lot was in the city; there was a fence around the lot and the lot was next to a Coca-Cola plant.

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SAs WILLIAM A. MORRISON & [redacted] dictated 5/2/61

[redacted] /mkp

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[] did not know of anyone else who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris over the weekend of March 4-5, 1961. This was the first time [] had been to Sterling-Harris and he advised that no one referred him there.

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The photographs of LEO RUGENDORF and PHIL ALDERISIO were displayed to [] with negative results.

[] did not desire to furnish a written statement relative to the above information.

Date May 5, 1961

[redacted] Elmhurst, Illinois, advised that her husband, [redacted] is employed as a bondsman at 1137 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. She stated that she has no knowledge as to whether or not her husband purchased a car from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency during the first week of March, 1961.

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On 5/4/61 at Elmhurst, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated: 5/5/61

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Date May 9, 1961

[redacted]
Illinois, telephonically advised he had purchased a 1960 Ford Convertible from Sterling - Harris Ford, Inc., sometime in early March. He had been looking for a car and Sterling offered him a good deal. He was unable to advise the price he paid for it and he was not sure where his Bill of Sale for the car is.

He stated he would look it up and furnish the pertinent information contained therein.

[redacted] could not identify with whom he dealt. He stated he paid cash but this had been on his own insistence. He knew of no one else who purchased cars, and did not recognize anyone at Sterling - Harris while negotiating for the car.

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On 5/5/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SA [redacted] /smm Date dictated 5/9/61

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May 3, 1961

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he owns a tavern which is located at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that any questions concerning his purchase of an automobile from any person or company would have to be answered by his Attorney [redacted] of the law firm of [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number Central 6-4722.

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On 4/28/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] /initiated 5/2/61

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Date 5/8/61

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, contacted at his place of employment, owner, Auto Town, 1121 West Madison Street, Maywood, Illinois, advised that he is a used car dealer and that he maintains a police book.

[redacted] advised that he did not purchase any automobiles from Sterling Harris Ford, Inc.

[redacted] advised that relative to whether he purchased any cars from J. C. Motor Sales, 5420 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, that he would rather not talk about this matter. He stated that his attorney had advised him against discussing any purchases from J.C. Motors and also that he should not exhibit any of his books or records to anyone. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that based on his attorney's advice he would therefore refuse to exhibit his police book to the interviewing agents. He stated that inasmuch as his attorney had advised him against exhibiting any of his books and records that he felt obligated to abide by his attorney's advice.

[redacted] advised that an assistant of [redacted] (Phonetic) Attorney at Law, located someplace in the loop is handling this matter for him. He stated that he did not know his attorney's telephone number and that it was listed in the telephone book.

[redacted] advised that if any information regarding any purchase by him from J. C. Motors was desired that his attorney should be contacted.

On 5/5/61 at Maywood, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAS THOMAS F. KELLY, JR. and [redacted] JVS 5/8/61
Date dictated: _____

Date May 5, 1961

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Elmhurst, Illinois, advised that her husband is employed by b7C
Imperial Concrete, telephone Fillmore 3-1474, and that she
has no knowledge as to whether or not her husband purchas-
ed a 1961 Falcon from Sterling-Harris Ford during the first
week of March, 1961.

On 5/4/61 at Elmhurst, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 5/5/61
[redacted] /bjd

Date May 9, 1961

[redacted] Elmhurst, Illinois, telephonically advised he purchased a 1931 Falcon four door sedan in the early part of March, for which he paid cash. He believed the purchase price was somewhere around \$1000. He claimed he happened to be driving by Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. and went in. They offered a good deal and he decided to buy.

[redacted] did not know with whom he dealt, and did not recognize any other individuals there. He knew of no one else who purchased cars there.

[redacted] advised he has sold the Falcon, but was unable to furnish the name of the purchaser or any details of the sale. He stated he would attempt to locate his Bill of Sale and furnish the pertinent information therein.

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On 5/5/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 40-2230

by CA [redacted] Date dictated 5/9/61

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Date May 11, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois,
advised that he purchased a 1961 Falcon from Sterling Harris
and furnished the following bill of sale:

Purchaser**Salesman****Date****Description of Automobile****Color****Serial Number****Amount Paid****Signed**

Chicago, Illinois

Not indicated

March 4, 1961

1961 Four-door Falcon

Green

1K12S152326

\$2,070.00. Paid in cash.

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[redacted] advised that he has been in the market
for a new car for sometime and has priced cars at different
car dealers and that he received the best deal from Sterling
Harris. He advised that he paid cash for the above auto-
mobile as he stated that he always does business on a cash
basis. [redacted] advised that he does not know any employees
of Sterling Harris or did anybody recommend him to Sterling
Harris. He advised that he did not know of any other
individuals who purchased a car from Sterling Harris.

[redacted] advised that he has not received a title for the
above automobile as he refinanced the car at St. Francis
Finance Company. He stated that he had the car refinanced
as he is in the process of purchasing a new home and needed
some ready cash. [redacted] refused to furnish the above
information in the form of a signed statement.

On 5/10/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 49-2200

by SAs JACK E. LEWIS and

by

[redacted] /rma

Date dictated 5/11/61

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Date May 2, 1961

[redacted] advised the following regarding the purchase of a 1961 Ford from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency:

He had been shopping for a new car for sometime and on Sunday, March 5, 1961 just happened to be passing Sterling-Harris and stopped and purchased a 1961 Ford Galaxie 4 door, color black, Stock # 1175. He paid \$2,001.00 cash for the car, some of the money being borrowed from his mother and father.

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The serial number on the bill of sale he displayed is 1D52W142262, 1961 Illinois license [redacted] This Ford is titled to his wife, [redacted] and the certificate of title was obtained through the State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Division on Elston Avenue, March 6, 1961.

LEO RUGENDORF and PHILIP ALDERISIO are unknown to him. Also that he knows of no one employed at Sterling-Harris or who may have purchased a car from Sterling-Harris.

He refused to make the bill of sale available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 40-2200
by SAS [redacted] and C. EARL CLAW Date dictated 4/28/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 27, 1961

Date

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois,
furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"April 26, 1961
Chicago, Ill.

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and William J. Downey, Jr., who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been told that this statement can be used in a court of law.

"My full name is [redacted] and I was born on [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois. I now live at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

"On or about February 23, 1961, my wife, [redacted] and I were looking for a car. We stopped at Sterling-Harris on North Cicero Ave., Chicago. We talked to a salesman, whose name I do not recall, at Sterling Harris and agreed to buy a 1960 Ford automobile for \$2,200.00. I paid \$100.00 in \$10.00 bills to [redacted] on or about February 23, 1961, and took delivery of a 1960 Ford tudor the same date.

"Two days later, I returned to Sterling Harris and signed a Retail Installment Contract, a bill of sale, and a wage assignment which had been prepared by [redacted]. At this time I gave [redacted] \$300.00 in ten and twenty dollar bills.

"The retail installment contract which I signed called for 36 monthly installments of \$63.05 in payment for a 1960 Ford tudor, serial number OGS1V1712114.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page, initialled all corrections and additions, and this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted]

On 4/26/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2200
by SA [redacted] and
WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, JR./jeb Date dictated 4/26/61

"Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Ill. 4/23/01,
William J. Downey, Jr., Special Agent, FBI, 4/23/01"

[redacted] also advised that upon hearing of the involuntary bankruptcy of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. he retained the services of an attorney. [redacted]

[redacted] He said he gave [redacted] all of the documents relating to his purchase of the 1960 Ford and these documents consisted of a Bill of Sale, and Installment Contract, and a receipt for the first \$100.00 which he paid the salesman at Sterling-Harris on or about February 23, 1961.

[redacted] made available a copy of the above mentioned Installment Contract which was dated March 2, 1961. This contract was between "Associates" and [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The contract pertained to one new Ford, 1960 tudor sedan, Serial Number 0G31V1712114. The total price of this car was \$2,200.00 less a \$400.00 cash down payment, leaving a balance of \$1,800.00. A finance charge of \$332.20 was added giving a total of \$2,132.20, to be paid in 36 monthly installments of \$53.95, beginning April 11, 1961.

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[redacted] said he had never received a title, payment book or information regarding collision insurance since he purchased the car. He had never been told to whom he should make the monthly payments and added that his attorney is handling this matter for him and has obtained instructions from the Bankruptcy Court to the effect that the monthly payments are to be made to [redacted] Trustee.

[redacted] said he has made the April, 1961, payment to [redacted] through his attorney, [redacted]

[redacted] did not recall the name of the salesman from whom he bought the car. He described [redacted] as, white, male, American, 5' 10", 185 to 190 pounds, 35 to 40 years of age, black hair, heavy build, and ruddy complexion. He added that [redacted] continually bites his fingernails.

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Date April 27, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Attorney for [redacted]
Chicago, made available the following documents to be photostated and the originals to be returned to him:

A Customer's Receipt Number 9142 from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, dated February 23, 1961, in the name of [redacted] in the amount of \$100.00, signed by [redacted]

Retail Installment Contract in the name of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, for a 1960 Ford, Serial Number 0G31V171214. This contract is dated March 2, 1961, and it is signed by [redacted] and [redacted] Agent for Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated.

Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, Bill of Sale, dated March 2, 1961, for a 1960 Ford Fairlane, two door sedan, Serial Number 0G31V171214. This bill of sale shows the total price paid as \$2,200.00, total downpayment \$400.00. The unpaid balance to be financed \$1,800.00 at \$63.95 for 33 months. This bill of sale is signed by [redacted] as the purchaser and by [redacted] of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated.

[redacted] advised he is in possession of a letter addressed to [redacted] from the Associates Discount Corporation. In which they advise they are holding the title to [redacted] 1960 Ford.

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by SA WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, Jr./MAZ Date dictated 4/27/61

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May 1, 1961

Date

[redacted] Wilmette,
Illinois, executed the following signed statement:

"Wilmette, Ill.
April 27, 1961

"I, [redacted] voluntarily furnish
the following information to [redacted]
and Robert J. Doneen, who have identified them-
selves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No
threats or promises have been made to me.

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"I reside at [redacted] Wilmette, Ill.

"On Feb. 28, 1961 I stopped at Sterling-
Harris Ford Inc., 2700 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago,
Ill., and made inquiry concerning the price
of a six cylinder Ford. I had been shopping
around for such a car and had obtained quo-
tations from other Dealers. It was quite by
accident that I stopped at Sterling-Harris, but
I previously noted their advertisements on T.V.
and in the newspapers. I was out shopping for
a car.

"The salesman at Sterling-Harris offered
me a car at a price \$100.00 less than any
other Dealer I had contacted. The next day
I returned and asked the salesman if he still
wanted to sell me that car at the price he
offered the previous day. He said 'sure'. I
said, 'O.K., I'll take it'. He then called in
another man with whom I closed the deal. This
second man filled out the Bill of Sale and signed
it for the Co. I paid this man \$2380.50 in cash
and he took it into the office. I did not get
a receipt for my money but I did get the Bill of
Sale dated 3/1/61 and the Application for
Certificate of Title, which I mailed to the
Secretary of State. I subsequently received
a Certificate of Title.

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SAs [redacted] and ROBERT J. DENEEN/aaa 4/28/61
by _____ Date dictated _____

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"The car which I purchased is a 1931 Green, tudor, 8 cylinder Ford, Serial #1G41V11C323. It is equipped with a radio, heater and automatic transmission. It has no 'power' equipment.

"I have read this statement of this and one other page and the facts contained therein are true

" /s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:

"/s/ Robert J. Benson, Special Agent, FBI,
Chicago, Ill., 4/27/01

"/s/ [redacted] Spec. Agt., FBI,
Chicago, Ill. 4/27/01"

In addition to the above [redacted] stated that he did not ascertain the names of the salesman or the person who filled out the bill of sale in his presence and accepted the money. He produced a bill of sale from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., which was made out and signed with a signature which appears to be [redacted]. It is also noted that the signature of the notary on this document also appears to be [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he could not give an accurate description of either one of the individuals, but stated he would be able to recognize and identify them if he saw either one again.

[redacted] stated that he saw no one that he knew at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., on either of his visits, and that he knows of no other person or company who purchased a car from Sterling Harris.

[redacted] stated that the person who sold him the car did not request that he make the payment for the same in cash, but that he just happened to have sufficient cash available from his business collections and decided to pay cash for the car. [redacted] added that he is a plumbing contractor with his office in his home, and often has substantial amounts of cash available.

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[] has the above-described car in his possession, and it bears 1961 Illinois license []

[] voluntarily turned over to agents the bill of sale for the above car for the purpose of making a photostat of it.

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Date 5/1/61

On April 27, 1961, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised SAs [redacted] and RALPH D. LAMSON that he was the manager of the [redacted] which is at [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he bought a 1963 Ford station wagon from Sterling-Larris Ford, Inc. about March 3 or 4, 1961. He stated that he was chopping around for a station wagon to carry mattresses and other equipment for his rooming house which he operates above the [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he owns the building at 1163 North Clark. [redacted] stated that he paid cash for this car of approximately \$2,000 and all of his papers, including bill of sale and title, have been put away and he would make them available on the following day.

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On April 23, 1961, [redacted] displayed to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Illinois certificate of title for a 1963 Ford station wagon, Serial No. 1P64V103283. This certificate of title shows that the car was purchased on March 4, 1961, although [redacted] is of the recollection that it was purchased on March 5, 1961. [redacted] stated that he has made a search but has been unable to locate the bill of sale for this car. He again stated that he paid approximately \$2,000 in cash for it. [redacted] stated that he did not wish to make a signed statement.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] RALPH D. LAMSON, JAC Date dictated 5/1/61

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Date April 27, 1961

MICHAEL FUSELLO, 841 North Ashland, was interviewed at his place of business, which is also his residence, at which time he furnished the following information:

"Chicago, Illinois
April 26, 1961

"I Michael Fusello, make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and Robert F. Barry, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. I have been advised that I am not required to make a statement and any statement I make may be used against me in a court of law. I am also advised of my right to an attorney and no threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement.

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"I was born May 9, 1906 at Chicago, Illinois and currently reside at 841 North Ashland Ave. Chicago, Illinois. I operate Mickey's Famous Bar-B-Q Pit at 841 North Ashland and in connection with this business, I operate from two to three delivery vehicles. One of these delivery cars broke down in February, 1961 and I started shopping for a replacement. On or about March 2, 1961 I went to the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency and talked to an unknown salesman about buying a compact car because of their economy. I was quoted a price of \$2,394.00 for a Falcon station wagon and told that if I wanted to deal they could do better. I went to Courtesy Motors where I also shopped for an economy car.

"On Sunday, March 5, 1961, at about 4:45 Pm I returned to Sterling-Harris and talked to a different salesman whose name I did not know. While talking to this salesman in the show room I mentioned Mickey's Bar-B-Q and this conversation was overheard by another man who introduced

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by SAs [redacted] and ROBERT F. BARRY/mak Date dictated 4/26/61

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himself to me as Leo Rugendorf who sells me shortening from Twin Shortening. I then went into an office with the salesman and did not see Rugendorf again.

"I agreed to pay \$2,070.00 cash for a 1961 white, two door, Ford Falcon Station Wagon, S.N. 1H21S141773 and gave this much cash to the salesman and he put it in his shirt pocket. He then gave a Bill of Sale to another unknown Sterling-Harris employee and told him to fill it out. This employee left the office we were in and returned a short time later with the Bill of Sale filled out and I signed it. I do not recall noticing the salesman or any other person signing this Bill of Sale in my presence. I was then given a certificate of origin and this Bill of Sale and left with the station wagon. The salesman to whom I gave the cash, \$2,070.00, is described as white, male, height 5'10"-5'11", weight 225-250 pounds, about 40-50 years of age.

"I have read this statement of three pages and it is true and correct to the best of my recollection. I have also intialed each page and correction.

/s/"Michael V. Fusello

"Witnessed:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI Chicago
Illinois April 26, 1961.

/s/"Robert F. Barry, Special Agent, FBI, Chicago
Illinois April 26, 1961."

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In addition, Mr. FUSELLO exhibited Certificate of Title of Motor Vehicle, State of Illinois, dated March 14, 1961, issued to MICHAEL FUSELLO, 841 North Ashland, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1961 Ford Falcon, two door, Serial Number 1H21S141773, reflecting the date of purchase as March 5, 1961.

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FUSELLO said that he does not know of anyone else who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris in March, 1961, and further explained that during the time he was at Sterling-Harris on March 5, 1961, LEO RUGENDORF appeared to be just another customer. He said that upon completing the purchase transaction, he left Sterling-Harris at about 6:00 p.m.

FUSELLO furnished his copy of a Bill of Sale from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, dated March 5, 1961, which is described as follows:

Purchaser	MICHAEL FUSELLO
Address	841 North Ashland, Chicago, Illinois
Salesman	Initials illegible
Stock Number	1192
Year	1961
Make	Falcon
Body Style	Two door wagon
Serial Number	1H21S141773
Color	White
Cash Price	\$2,000.00
Sales Tax	\$70.00
Total Price	\$2,070.00
Signature of Sterling- Harris Official	Illegible

Date May 11, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he purchased a 1961 Ford from Sterling Harris, Inc. [redacted] made available a bill of sale reflecting the purchase of the automobile. The bill of sale reflected the following:

Purchaser**Date of Purchase****Salesman****Description of Automobile****Serial Number****Color****Amount Paid**

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois

March 4, 1961

"Hse"

1961 four-door hard-top
Ford Galaxie

1F54V174371

White

\$2,898.00. Paid in cash. b6 b7C

The bill of sale was notarized but was not readable. The bill of sale was signed by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he was in the market for a new car and that he obtained the best price from Sterling Harris. He stated after obtaining the price, he went to his home and obtained the cash and returned to Sterling Harris where he purchased the car for \$2,898.00. [redacted] stated he always does business with cash. He stated that he did not know of any person employed at Sterling Harris or did anybody recommend that he purchase a car from Sterling Harris. He further stated that he knew of no other person who had purchased a car at Sterling Harris. [redacted] registered this car and obtained 1961 Illinois license number JT4411. He advised that he is employed as a parking lot attendant with the Chicago Park District. He stated that his wife is unemployed.

He desired to retain the bill of sale in his possession and did not desire to furnish a signed statement concerning the purchase of this automobile.

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SAs ALTON E. BRAMBLETT and

by [redacted] rms

Date dictated 5/11/61

Date May 11, 1961

An attempt was made to contact [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, with negative results. It was noted that parked in the driveway of this address was a 1961 Ford two-door, bearing 1961 Illinois license [redacted]

At 6 p.m. this date, [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] that he would not furnish any information concerning the purchase of an automobile from Sterling Harris. He stated that this was a private affair and did not think that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should be interested in this matter. In this conversation, [redacted] could not furnish any description of the automobile or furnish any information as to the amount paid for the automobile.

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by SAs ALTON E. BRAMBLETT and [redacted] rms Date dictated 5/11/61

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Date 5/1/01

[redacted] stated that he resides at [redacted] and that he is [redacted] at the Talk of the Town Night Club, 1103 North Clark Street. [redacted] stated that he bought a 1969 Ford convertible from Sterling-Karris Ford, Inc. and as evidence of this purchase he displayed a bill of sale from Sterling-Karris which bill of sale contained the following information:

Date	March 5, 1961
Stock No.	C22, 1969 Ford convertible
Serial No.	06357179349
Color	Blue
Price	\$2,000.00
Sales tax	<u>101.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,101.00

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This bill of sale had a notary stamp and was notarized as of March 4, 1961, although the bill of sale was dated March 5, 1961. The signature of the person who notarized it appeared to be EGT (balance of name illegible). In the lower left corner of this bill of sale was the written number 25 with a check mark underneath it.

[redacted] stated that he paid cash for this car, and he still is in possession of this automobile.

[redacted] stated that the only other person he knows who purchased a car about this time from Sterling-Karris Ford, Inc. was [redacted] who told him about the sale and also [redacted] who purchased a 1961 Falcon. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is the [redacted] the Talk of the Town Night Club. [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

On 4/23/01 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 43-2200
by SAs EDWARD A. CARLSON and [redacted] Date dictated 5/1/01
[redacted] JAG

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone MA 6-4926, advised that he purchased a 1961 Falcon four door sedan from Sterling-Harris about two months ago. [redacted] stated that he was not able to recall the date he purchased the car and stated that he learned of the sale at Sterling-Harris from some unknown person who he met in a restaurant on the corner of Chicago and Laramie Avenues. [redacted] stated that this unknown customer told him that Sterling-Harris were selling all their cars out and there were some good buys there. [redacted] stated that he paid cash for this car in the amount of \$1,490. It was suggested to [redacted] that he could ascertain the date he purchased the car from the day he drew the cash out of the bank or borrowed the money to buy this car, to which [redacted] replied that he did not draw the cash out of the bank but had been saving it and had the cash on hand. [redacted] stated that he paid the cash to one of the salesman at Sterling-Harris, whom he described as about 5'9" or 10", approximately 175 pounds, hair dark brown, turning gray, wearing black framed glasses and approximately 50 years old. [redacted] stated he does not know this salesman's name nor did he receive a receipt for his money, the only thing he received was the car and the title to it.

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[redacted] stated that he also owns a 1955 Buick, which he pointed out, which car bore Illinois 1961 license 574-944. He stated that after he purchased the Falcon from Sterling-Harris, he found out that insurance on the two cars would run \$300 a year and he decided to sell the Falcon and he placed a for sale sign on it. He stated that about three weeks ago, he sold this car to a girl for \$1500, which was paid to him in cash. He stated that he does not know who this girl is and does not recall her name. [redacted] stated that he has no records or papers of any kind pertaining to the Falcon that he purchased from Sterling-Harris and he has no way of recalling from what individual he bought it.

[redacted] stated that he is a painter, employed by the Chicago Park District and that he is a member of Local 147, Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers. [redacted] stated that if it is necessary to contact him again during the day he can be located through the Chicago Park District. [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

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by SAs WALTER H. SANDSTROM & [redacted] dictated 4/27/61

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Date May 3, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised as follows:

He is presently employed by the Forestry Department of the City of Chicago.

On Sunday, March 5, 1961, he was in the process of shopping around for a new car. His brother-in-law's brother [redacted] had mentioned to him that he had seen a sign on Sterling-Harris Ford Incorporated's showroom window several weeks prior to March 5, advertising 1960 Thunderbirds for \$2,900. [redacted] believed it was a gimmick of some kind so did not pay any attention to it. [redacted] visited Sterling-Harris and they offered him a Ford Station Wagon for \$2,500 plus \$87.50 tax for a total price of \$2,587.50.

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[redacted] identified the car as follows:

1961 eight cylinder Ford Country Sedan, Serial Number 1F64W206288.

[redacted] stated he did not have the cash on him, but went home, where he had some cash, which he had to supplement with a \$500 loan from his brother-in-law [redacted] also of the same Huron Street address.

[redacted] advised that Sterling-Harris refused a trade-in and wanted cash only. He could not identify the salesman he talked to and did not know any of the other individuals at Sterling-Harris. He knew of no other individuals who bought cars at Sterling-Harris.

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by SA [redacted] /ijm Date dictated 5/2/61

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Date May 2, 1961

A male who identified himself as a [redacted]
[redacted] Berwyn, Illinois, telephone
Stanley 8-0913, telephonically stated:

He refused to permit agents to personally interview him.

He purchased a 1961 Falcon Sedan from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency and paid about \$1,860. He refused to furnish any further information and said to contact his attorney one [redacted] with offices around Madison and Clark Streets in Chicago.

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by SA JOHN R. NORPEL, Jr. Date dictated 4/27/61

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Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois advised that her husband had purchased a 1961 Falcon from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on North Cicero Avenue, however, her husband handled the entire transaction and she is not familiar with the details. [redacted] did produce a bill of sale which reflected that her husband purchased a 1961 Ford four door Falcon, Serial Number 1K12S148185 on March 4, 1961 for \$1,966.50. The stock number was listed as 1062. [redacted] declined to furnish a copy of this bill of sale.

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No further interview was had with [redacted] as the conversation was interrupted by an individual who declined to identify himself other than as a friend of the family. He also said his mother-in-law lives at that same address.

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by SAs C. EARL SHAW and CHARLES J. MELONE/hjz Date dictated 4/27/61

Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois was contacted at his residence. Another individual, who declined to identify himself other than a friend of the family, an advisor and a precinct captain, was present. When [redacted] was advised that the agents desired to talk with him alone, he stated he had nothing to hide from his wife, who was also present, and his friend, pointing at the unknown individual. [redacted] was advised the interview could not be conducted under these circumstances. The unknown individual became quite excited and claimed the [redacted] have their rights. [redacted] was advised he was certainly entitled to consult an attorney and he indicated he would do so. The interview was then terminated.

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by SA [redacted] and
SA CHARLES J. MELONE/hjz Date dictated 4/27/61

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Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] telephone number RA 6-2061, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 27, 1961. He identified himself as an attorney representing [redacted]. He said his client purchased an automobile from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on March 4, 1961, for \$1966.50. He said this was a legitimate purchase and his client did not feel that he should be interviewed concerning a legitimate purchase. [redacted] was advised this information would be furnished to the United States Attorney.

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by SA CHARLES J. MELONE/hjz Date dictated 4/27/61

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Date May 2, 1961

[redacted] Berwyn, Illinois,
employed by Angel and Kaplan, 236 North Clark Street,
Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised as follows:

Around March 5, 1961, he purchased a 1961 Ford Ranch Wagon from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago. He paid about \$2,685 for this car which was blue in color. He refused to state where the car now is or to answer any further questions. If further attempts to determine information are made, [redacted] demanded his attorney, one [redacted] be consulted. [redacted] would not in the first instance allow a personal appointment to be made by agents of the FBI.

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Date April 28, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at the corner of 22nd and Wentworth in Chicago after this appointment was made earlier by telephone. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Illinois
April 27, 1961

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to C. Earl Shaw and Charles J. Melone who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises were made to me to obtain this statement.

"I am 35 years of age and reside at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois with my wife and three minor children.

"On Sunday March 5, 1961, I went to the Sterling Harris Ford Agency on North Cicero Avenue looking for a new car. I found a car which I liked and decided to buy it. The car I bought is a 1961 black four door Ford Fairlane bearing serial number 1G32W143344. I paid \$2,393.02 cash for this car. I obtained certificates of title and registration from the Secretary of State's Office through a currency exchange located near 26th and Wentworth. I was issued 1961 Illinois license plates [redacted]

"I am not acquainted with any of the employees or officials of Sterling Harris and I do not know the name of the salesman who sold me this car.

"I read this Statement of this and one other page and is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

Witnesses: "/s/ Charles J. Melone, Special Agent, FBI, Chicago, Ill. 4/27/61.

"/s/ C. Earl Shaw, Special Agent, F.B.I. Chicago, Ill. 4/27/61."

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SAs C. EARL SHAW and
by CHARLES J. MELONE/hjz Date dictated 4/27/61

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[] furnished the bill of sale he received from Sterling - Harris Ford Agency but asked that this document be returned when it is no longer needed by this office.

[] also advised that he formerly owned a 1953 Cadillac but sold it for \$500.00. The remainder of the money he needed to purchase this car was borrowed from his mother, who had a heart attack and died on March 5, 1961. He claimed that he has been visiting various Ford and Pontiac agencies pricing new cars and that on March 5, 1961, he had decided to price the cars at Sterling - Harris. He said no one had steered him to that agency.

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[] exhibited a certificate of title issued by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office for this car which was dated March 15, 1961.

[] said he was not acquainted with LEO
RUGENDORF, [] or []
[]

Date May 11, 1961

On May 5, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed at the Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Hotel, Clark Street, Chicago, at his request. It was noted at the outset of this interview that [redacted] was [redacted] ILL

He stated that he has been [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that during January, 1961, he came to the conclusion that something was wrong with the Sterling-Harris Company and [redacted] and told him about it. He said he was advised [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] he formed the opinion that LEO RUGENDORF was an "errand boy" for PHIL ALDERISIO. He also felt that [redacted] fell within this category. He said he had the impression that LEO RUGENDORF could take anything he wanted from Sterling-Harris and no one would stop him because he was a friend of [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted]

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SAs [redacted] and
by JOHN R. BASSETT/njc Date dictated 5/9/61

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He advised that [REDACTED]
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He stated that [REDACTED] who was a salesman
and also was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

by LEO RUGENDORF and one [REDACTED] He said that he
would not furnish any additional information relative to
this activity. He also stated he had learned that a
person named [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he has a bill of
sale for a 1961 Ford purchased at a price of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He
stated, however, that he [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised
that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] own the Currency Exchange
at 351 North Cicero and that this is the place where
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] advised that in the event he
would be required to appear before a Grand Jury to
testify in the bankruptcy case, he would get [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] where "nobody could find me."

He stated that on [REDACTED]
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[redacted]
He said he would not reveal the name of this person but indicated that it was possibly PHIL ALDERISIO. [redacted] repeatedly stated that he was not afraid of any Chicago hoods, but on several occasions said "Milwaukee" PHIL ALDERISIO. "was nobody to fool around with."

It was noted during the remainder of the interview that [redacted] rambled in a non-specific manner regarding his knowledge of various aspects of the Sterling-Harris bankruptcy situation, but when attempts were made to obtain specific information regarding these matters, [redacted] would not cooperate in furnishing additional information.

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He concluded by stating that he was currently residing at [redacted] and wanted this address kept in strict confidence.

Date May 4, 1961

[redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois, advised that he had purchased a 1961 Ford Galaxie from the Sterling-Harris Ford Company on March 4, 1961, had received complete title and registration for the car, and has since resold the automobile to an individual whom he did not care to name.

[redacted] made available a bill of sale from the Sterling-Harris Ford Company which reflected that on March 4, 1961, he had purchased a 1961 tudor hard top Galaxie, color bronze, Serial Number 1G57W141634, Sterling-Harris Stock Number 1149. The bill of sale reflected that the cash price for this vehicle was \$2600, sales tax was \$90, making a total price of \$2690. [redacted] advised that he was not certain whom he had contacted to purchase this car from at Sterling-Harris, but was of the opinion that he had made the deal with [redacted] co-owner of the Sterling-Harris Company. [redacted] made available the bill of sale and was advised that this would be returned to him after a photostated copy was obtained for the Chicago FBI Office.

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[redacted] advised at the outset of this interview that he would not furnish any information regarding any other individuals who may have purchased cars or had been connected with Sterling-Harris in any way. He stated he would be glad to answer questions up to a certain point and would thereafter decline to furnish information which he did not believe would be intelligent for him to divulge.

[redacted] stated that he had heard from a source which he could not recall that cars were being sold at discount prices by Sterling-Harris and, therefore, went to Sterling-Harris of his own accord to see what kind of a deal he could make in connection with the purchase of a new automobile. He stated he liked the 1961 Galaxie which was displayed to him on the Sterling-Harris lot and paid for it with \$2690 which he was carrying on his person.

On 5/3/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] and JOHN R. [redacted] Date dictated 5/3/61

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He stated he made this purchase on the fourth of March and received a bill of sale for the car and thereafter took the necessary action to obtain a title, license, and registration for the vehicle, which he did at a later date. He stated there was no trade-in involved and it was strictly a cash deal.

[] indicated that he was aware of the identity of other individuals who were either friends or associates of his who had purchased cars from Sterling-Harris, but refused to reveal the identity of any of these persons. [] further declined to furnish a signed statement concerning his purchase of a 1961 Galaxie, but advised that he was willing to turn over the bill of sale concerning the new Ford so that it could be photostated.

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[] concluded by stating that on approximately the fourth of April, he sold the 1961 Ford Galaxie to another person, whose identity he refused to reveal, and advised that this person now has the title and registration for the car. [] advised that he received the same price of \$2690 for the car which he had originally paid Sterling-Harris Company.

Date May 3, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at [redacted] Cicero, Illinois, which she owns. [redacted] advised that during March, 1961, she purchased a new Ford automobile for which she paid about \$2100 or \$2200 in cash. She advised that any further questions concerning her purchase of the Ford automobile would have to be answered by her Attorney [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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On 4/27/61 at Cicero, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] dictated 5/2/61

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Date 5/8/61

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he did not buy a 1961 Falcon 4 door station wagon, Serial Number 1H22S104922 from Sterling Harris Ford, Inc.

[redacted] advised that he had no idea who registered the aforementioned automobile in his name and address. He stated that he owns a 1951 Chevrolet and that he could not afford a new car.

[redacted] advised that he did not receive any mail from the State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Department relative to the aforementioned automobile.

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On 5/5/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAS THOMAS F. KELLY, JR. and [redacted] Date dictated JVS 5/8/61

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Date May 3, 1961

[redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois, advised on March 5, 1961, he purchased a 1961 Falcon four door red sedan, Motor Number 1K125111704, presently bearing Illinois license [redacted] from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency for \$1,800 plus \$63 in tax for a total of \$1,863. [redacted] stated that he paid for this automobile in cash on the date indicated.

He advised that he had been shopping for an automobile as he wanted a second-hand car to use to drive back and forth to work in Chicago and had been into the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on two prior occasions before purchasing the 1961 Falcon.

He stated that on the date he purchased the automobile he just happened to be in the area of the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency and just happened to have the necessary amount of money on his person in cash to make the purchase of the automobile. He again emphasized that he paid cash for the automobile and did not use a check of any kind and does not recall to whom he paid the cash for the automobile.

[redacted] exhibited a bill of sale dated March 5, 1961, showing purchase of the above automobile for the amount of \$1,863 in cash, which bill of sale has been notarized and signed "House." [redacted] refused to furnish interviewing agents this bill of sale, stating that he did not know what was going on in this matter and was going to hold on to all his papers concerning the automobile.

[redacted] stated he did not know anyone else who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris on the date that he purchased his. He stated that the reason he registered his car in care of his brother's address [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was that he was having difficulty with his wife about this time and had planned on moving into Chicago.

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by SAs ALTON E. BRAMBLETT and [redacted] /saf Date dictated: 4/28/61

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[redacted] advised that he is acquainted with LEO RUGENDORF and that he grew up in the same neighborhood with him in West Chicago; however, he advised that he has not seen him or talked to him in years. He stated that to the best of his knowledge LEO RUGENDORF was not in the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency showrooms on the date he purchased his automobile.

[redacted] stated that he is employed as a truck driver for [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he worked for [redacted] for about eight or nine months, and then changed his story and stated that he quit working for [redacted] approximately two months ago.

[redacted] stated that he refused to furnish a signed statement concerning this matter and related to interviewing agents that he never furnishes law enforcement officers with signed statements concerning any matters.

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Date May 3, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, advised that she and her husband had sometime during the first part of March, the exact date unknown, purchased a 1961 Ford hard top, light blue in color, Motor Number 1G53W126775, presently bearing Illinois 1961 license [redacted] from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency.

[redacted] advised that they had been shopping for sometime to purchase a new car. She advised that she could not furnish the exact date the above automobile was purchased from Sterling-Harris inasmuch as she did not have any of the papers concerning the transaction, the papers presently being located with other papers of value in a safety deposit box at the bank. She stated she has no idea how the car was purchased, whether her husband used cash or paid by check, could not furnish the identity of the salesman with whom they dealt at Sterling-Harris and advised that she knew of no one else who purchased a car from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency the same date she and her husband got their car.

She advised that her husband is employed as a plumber at Frank's Plumbing, 7036 West Belmont Avenue.

She advised that she would have her husband get in contact with the interviewing agents at their office at which time he could furnish additional information concerning the purchase of the above automobile, as well as exhibit the bill of sale and other receipts that he might have in his possession concerning this automobile.

On 4/26/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SAs ALTON E. BRAMBLETT and [redacted] saf Date dictated 4/28/61

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Date May 2, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, Rotary Seal Division, Muskegon Piston Ring Company, 2020 North Larrabee Street, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] furnished the following information:

On Sunday, March 5, 1961, he purchased an automobile at the Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. He was out driving around that day shopping for an automobile and stopped in at Sterling-Harris. To the best of his recollection the name of the salesman from whom he purchased the automobile was named [redacted]. He paid cash for the automobile. He does not know of anyone else who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris over the week end of March 4-5, 1961.

[redacted] exhibited a Passenger Car Identification Card for the transfer of the license of his old automobile to his new automobile on March 9, 1961. The license number is [redacted]. This new automobile was described as a 1961 Ford 4 door, 6 cylinder, identification or serial number 1G42V135000. This license transfer transaction was handled at the Emance Currency Exchange, Incorporated, 3936 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised the color of his new automobile is solid blue and that it is a Fairlane 500.

[redacted] advised that on April 27, 1961, he would make available for review and photostating a copy of his Bill of Sale from Sterling-Harris. [redacted] advised he preferred not to furnish a signed statement concerning this matter.

On 4/23/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SAS [redacted] and LELAND G. RICHIE/ Date dictated 5/1/61
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 2, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, made available a copy of the following described Bill of Sale of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois:

Purchaser	[redacted]
Date	March 5, 1961
Address	1650 West Huron Chicago, Illinois
Stock Number	1049
Year	1961
Make	Ford
Model	F-500
Body Style	4 door
Serial or Motor No.	1G42V135000
Color	Blue
New	
Trade In	None
Cash Price	\$2100.
Sales Tax	\$ 73.
Total Price	\$2173.
Cash on Del.	\$2173.
Total Credit	\$2173.
Cash Unpaid Balance	
To Be Financed	0
Sterling Harris Ford, Inc. By - L.S. (?)	

All identifying numbers on said vehicle agree with those on the Certificate of Title or Statement of Origin. Signed -- (illegible)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of March, 1961.

Notary Public for the State of Illinois, County of Cook.

[redacted] - Notary Public

"I approve and accept the above terms /s/ [redacted]"

The reverse of this Bill of Sale shows address of [redacted] said the [redacted] address on the face of the Bill of Sale had been written in error.

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] and LELAND G. RICHIE/ Date dictated 5/1/61

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Date May 11, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he purchased a 1957 Ford station wagon from Sterling Harris. [redacted] furnished a bill of sale which reflected the following:

Purchaser**Date of Purchase****Salesman****Description of Automobile****Serial Number****Color****Purchase Price****Signed**

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois

March 5, 1961

House

1957 Ford station wagon

C7GX1705B1

Black and white

\$500

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[redacted] advised that he has been in the market for a second car for his wife and that he looked and priced other station wagons from different automobile dealers. He stated that Sterling Harris wanted \$595 for the above station wagon, but he knew it needed repairs and offered the salesman \$500 in cash for the station wagon. He further advised that he did not know any of the Sterling Harris employees prior to purchasing this automobile or did anybody recommend him to purchase a car at Sterling Harris.

On 5/4/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 49-2290
by SAs ALTON E. BRAMBLETT and [redacted] rms Date dictated 5/11/61

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On April 27, 1961, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] telephone GL 6-4841, [redacted] Elmwood Park, Illinois, was telephonically contacted for the purpose of arranging an interview. [redacted] admitted having purchased two new autos from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, but refused to furnish any details regarding the purchase of these cars. [redacted] stated that, in his own mind, he is satisfied that it was a legitimate purchase and therefore, was at a loss to understand why he had to be interviewed. [redacted] stated that he and his wife were then on their way to Kentucky and neither would be available for interview until the latter part of next week.

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On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAs [redacted] & CHARLES H. FOLEY/mkp. Date dictated 4/27/61

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Date May 5, 1961

[redacted] Twin Food Products, 3250 South
Wentworth, Chicago, Illinois was contacted concerning the
Sterling-Harris 1960 Ford registered to his sister, [redacted]
[redacted] Akron, Ohio.

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[redacted] said he did not believe it would be
in his best interests to discuss this transaction and
declined to furnish any information relative to it.

On 5/2/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SA [redacted] jjs Date dictated 5/4/61

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Date May 5, 1961

[redacted] advised that on an unknown date during the first week of March, 1961, she accompanied her husband, [redacted] to the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency to purchase a used car for her husband's business which is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. She stated that her husband previously obtained a Plymouth on trial from Sterling-Harris but returned this car. [redacted] advised that she remained in the car outside Sterling-Harris while her husband talked with unknown persons at Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. She stated that she had taken with her in her personal possession \$1,000.00 cash which was to be used to purchase the used car. She said her husband brought the bill of sale to the car where she was waiting and she signed the bill of sale so that the car would be in her name. [redacted] exhibited City of Chicago vehicle license No. 267845 dated March 29, 1961, to [redacted] for a 1958 Dodge, serial number LD314684. She stated that this Chicago vehicle license is issued for the vehicle which she and her husband purchased for cash during the week of March, 1961, at Sterling-Harris Ford Agency.

[redacted] further advised that she was not present during any of the negotiations concerning the purchase of this vehicle and does not know with whom her husband dealt at Sterling-Harris.

She stated that they purchased this vehicle from Sterling-Harris Ford because [redacted] is an old friend of the family and her son, [redacted] had nothing whatsoever to do with this transaction.

On 5/4/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] & [redacted]
[redacted] /bjd Date dictated 5/5/61

Date May 5, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that two or three days prior to March 5, 1961, he obtained a De Soto on trial from [redacted] at Sterling-Harris Ford Agency. He stated that this car broke down and it was necessary to have the car towed back to Sterling-Harris. [redacted] advised that he returned to Sterling-Harris on March 5, 1961, with his wife and purchased a 1958 Dodge station wagon for \$1,000.00 cash plus \$35.00 cash for tax.

[redacted] stated in connection with this purchase he dealt with [redacted] and the \$1,035.00 cash was given to [redacted]. He stated that he went to Sterling-Harris on Sunday, March 5, 1961, after working at his store, [redacted] Chicago, until 3:30 p.m. He said he probably arrived at Sterling-Harris approximately one hour later where he observed his son, [redacted] on the premises. He said his son helped him check out the Dodge station wagon by driving it around the block. [redacted] advised that he did not know how or why his son happened to be present at Sterling-Harris at the time he purchased the car.

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[redacted] exhibited a bill of sale dated March 5, 1961, from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency which reflected the following information:

Purchaser - [redacted]
Stock No. - 2184
Model - 1958
Make - Dodge
Style - Station wagon
Serial No. - LD314684
Color - Gray, used
Cash balance - \$1,000.00
Tax - 35.00

On 5/4/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] /bjd/ram Date dictated 5/5/61

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[redacted] advised that he could not recall noticing whether or not [redacted] or any other Sterling-Harris official signed this bill of sale in his presence.

[redacted] declined to furnish this bill of sale for copying purposes and also declined to furnish the above information in a written statement.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 2, 1961

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LEO RUGENDORF, upon being contacted in his office at Twin Foods Products Company, 3250 South Wentworth, in regard to the eight Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated trucks, which are registered with the State of Illinois to either Twin Foods Products Company, Rugendorf Brothers, or L. RUGENDORF, stated, "I have nothing to say to you fellows about anything". He declared, "If I have committed a crime, arrest me". In view of his statements the interview was terminated.

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SAS emh Date dictated 5/2/61

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Date May 1, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone WE 5-0005, advised that he had discussed this matter with [redacted] his attorney, and was informed only to show documents that would show that he was the legal owner of a 1961 Ford. He stated he would only discuss this matter in the presence of his attorney.

[redacted] exhibited his Bill of Sale and State of Illinois Certificate of Title, which documents revealed the following:

"Bill of Sale, Sterling-Larris Ford, Inc., 2700 N. Cicero Ave., dated 3/5/61.

Purchaser
Address

[redacted]
Chicago, Ill.

Salesman

House

Stock

1212

Year

1961

Make

Ford

Model

Fairlane

Body Style

4 door 8

SN or IN

1C32W144323

Color

Green

How

X

Cash price

\$2312.10

Sales Tax

80.92

Total price

\$2393.02

Cash on Del.

\$2393.02

Total Credit

\$2393.02

Signed

[redacted]

Trade In

None"

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"State of Illinois Certificate of Title of a Motor Vehicle.

Name of Car

Ford

Year

1961

Serial or ID No.

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On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2200

by SAs WILLIAM A. MORRISON and [redacted] Date dictated 4/27/61 b6
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State of Last Registration C.O.
No. of Cyl. 8
Date of Purchase 3/5/61
New Car Purchase
Full Name [REDACTED]
Legal Address [REDACTED]
Chicago County Cook
Signature [REDACTED]
Lien in favor of None
Date Stamped on Certificate March 13, 1961

[REDACTED] advised that above was a cash transaction. He stated that he would not make the aforementioned described documents available and was turning them over to his attorney.

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The photographs of LEO RUGENDORF and PHIL ALDERISIO were displayed to [REDACTED] and he refused to make any comment.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is with the law firm of Carbonaro & Carbonaro, 10 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Central 6-4722.

5/10/61

Date _____

[redacted] Berwyn, Illinois, advised that he purchased a 1961 four door Ford Fairlane, six cylinder automobile, from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency on North Cicero Avenue, in Chicago, on March 4, 1961, for \$2,277. He said he had been shopping around for a new car for sometime and first visited the Sterling-Harris Agency on March 3, 1961. He returned the following day and purchased the above-mentioned car. He related that when he attempted to register this car and obtain certificate of title from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office in Springfield, Illinois, he was advised that a certificate of title could not be issued for this car because of a "restraining" order filed with the Secretary of State's Office by a federal court in Chicago. He added that he had referred the matter to Attorney [redacted] [redacted] Phone CE 6-1040.

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[redacted] said he was not acquainted with any of the officials or employees of Sterling-Harris and was not referred to that agency by anyone. He claimed to have paid cash for this car but explained he had borrowed over \$1,600 from the credit union where he is employed to pay for the car. He said he must repay the credit union \$25 a week for 18 months to repay the loan and yet cannot use the car. He identified the credit union as the Goss Employees Credit Union, 5601 West 31st Street, Chicago 50, Illinois.

On 5/8/61 at Berwyn, Illinois File # CG 49-2290
by SA CHARLES J. MELONE/blg Date dictated 5/9/61

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is representing [redacted] Berwyn, Illinois. He said he had never met [redacted] as this matter had been referred to him by another attorney. [redacted] related that [redacted] had purchased a car from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency but had been unable to obtain a title for this car from the Secretary of State's Office because of an injunction issued in connection with the Sterling-Harris bankruptcy matter.

[redacted] furnished a photostat of a bill of sale which reflects that [redacted] purchased a 1961 four-door Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial Number 1F32V209652, from Sterling-Harris on March 4, 1961, for \$2,277 cash. The stock number was listed as Number 1265. No salesman was listed and the name of the notary public was illegible.

[redacted] said his client was advised by the Secretary of State's Office to contact Attorney [redacted] concerning title for this car.

[redacted] added that his client had financed this car through the Goss Employees Credit Union, 5601 West 31st Street, Chicago 50, Illinois. The amount financed was \$1,654.08.

On 5/9/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 49-2290
by SA CHARLES J. MELONE/blg/pbh Date dictated 5/9/61

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1961

[redacted] Eugendorf Brothers Meat Market,
2449 South Montworth, was contacted on April 27, 1961.
[redacted] advised that he was [redacted] and that the
store was owned by Eugendorf Brothers, Incorporated.
He said that LEO EUGENDORF was the general manager.
He said that SAM EUGENDORF had a store at 33th and
Wallace and that he did not have any interest in this
store.

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[redacted] was asked if the store had any new
trucks. He stated no that the store did not own or
use any trucks. He advised that for all deliveries
they use a carry all car which is not new and is not
a Ford.

He said that he had not purchased a car
from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency nor did he know of
anyone who had purchased a car from this agency.

On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 43-2200

by CAS [redacted] Date dictated 4/27/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 27, 1961

An individual identifying himself as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted this office on April 27, 1961, relative to his purchase of a 1961 Ford automobile from Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated he had contacted his attorney [redacted] Chicago, and was advised to say only that he had purchased a 1961 Ford Fairlane from Sterling-Harris and paid cash for this automobile, receiving a bill of sale and a title.

[redacted] said he was shopping for an automobile and it was common knowledge that Sterling-Harris, Incorporated, usually had good prices, and that he went there on March 5, 1961, and purchased this 1961 Ford Fairlane two-door, green in color, for approximately \$2,285 cash. He said he does not remember if this is the correct amount but believes it to be. He said that he had misplaced his bill of sale and is unable to locate it at this time. He said he would be unable to furnish the serial number of this automobile without his bill of sale, and that he would attempt to locate it so the serial number could be furnished. He said that no one referred him to Sterling-Harris, and that he knows of no one who purchased an automobile from this agency during the weekend of March 3-5, 1961. He said that it is his recollection that the salesman who handled this sale answered to the name of [redacted]

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On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

by SA CHARLES E. PRICE/mjt Date dictated 4/27/61

Date May 3, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, advised that during the first week in March, 1961, he purchased a new 1961 Ford from Sterling - Harris Ford, Incorporated, 2700 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He said that he was in the market for a second car and finally decided to purchase from Sterling - Harris because they offered him the best price. He said that he paid close to \$2500 cash for the car.

[redacted] advised that he did not like the car and after having it in his possession for about two weeks, he traded it to Mars - Oldsmobile toward the purchase of a new Oldsmobile. He said that when purchasing the new Oldsmobile he surrendered to them the bill of sale for the Ford.

He further advised that his brother-in-law [redacted] [redacted] also purchased a new Ford from Sterling - Harris Ford agency.

[redacted] advised that any further questions concerning his purchase of the Ford or the subsequent disposition of it, would have to be answered by his Attorney, [redacted] of the law firm of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

On 4/28/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

SAs [redacted] by [redacted] Date dictated 5/2/61

Date May 3, 1961

[redacted] Berkeley, Illinois, was contacted at Trotto's Restaurant, 25th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, where he had just completed his deliveries of produce. [redacted] was located through contact with his wife at the [redacted] address.

[redacted] stated he purchased two trucks from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., on March 4, 1961. He had been shopping around because of a need in his produce business. [redacted] advised he delivers certain types of produce, such as mushrooms, peppers etc., to restaurants featuring Italian type food, and he operates independently making the purchases at the Water Street Produce Market.

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[redacted] had discussed with his cousin about starting another route and he had been shopping for two trucks. He had gone to Maywood Ford Motors, Maywood, Illinois, and priced trucks. He eventually went to Sterling-Harris and they offered him a deal which was \$100 under any other offers he had received. [redacted] borrowed the cash from his mother and purchased the two trucks. One for \$1,759.50 and the other for \$1,862.00.

[redacted] subsequently borrowed money from the Melrose Park National Bank and repaid his mother part of the loan.

[redacted] claimed it would be a natural thing for him to go to Sterling-Harris, as he passed the place daily, for he had a number of customers located in the vicinity.

[redacted] could not identify the individual he dealt with, nor did he know anybody else at Sterling-Harris.

On 4/26 & 28/61 at Melrose Park, Illinois File # 49-2290

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by SAS LEON B. LAKE, [redacted] and C. Date dictated 5/2/61

LEONARD TREVIRANUS/jjm

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On April 28, 1961, [] was recontacted at the same restaurant by SAs [] and TREVIRANUS at which time he exhibited two bills of sale.

One was made out to [] wife of [] Berkeley, Illinois. The date of sale was given as March 4, 1961, and the truck was shown as a 1961, 1/2 Ton Ford Truck, Blue, Serial Number F10JG121398. The price was given as \$1,700 plus \$59.50 tax for a total of \$1,759.50. The bill of sale had written on it "no trade in". There was no salesman listed, and the only designation as to salesman was unreadable initials. The bill of sale was notarized by [] on March 4, 1961.

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The other bill of sale was made out to [] The date of sale was given as March 4, 1961, and the purchase was described as a 1961 Ford Econoline, Serial Number E103H130144. The body style was given as PU (pick up). The price was given as \$1,800 plus \$62.00 tax for a total of \$1,862. The designation of salesman was unreadable initials. The bill of sale was notarized by [] on March 4, 1961. The bill of sale was marked "no trade in."

[] described the salesman as being white male, approximately 5' 9", weight 160 pounds, with black hair.

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[redacted] co-owner of [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that she has been in this business and at this location for approximately 30 years.

[redacted] advised that she is the owner of a 1961 Ford Falcon 4 door sedan, green in color, Serial Number 1H12S-121222, bearing 1961 Illinois license number LB4397. She stated that this car was given to her by her brother.

[redacted] advised that her brother is LEO RUGENDORF. She stated that her brother bought the car for her. She further stated that she has not paid her brother any money for this car as yet. She continued that she had, at this time, no idea how much money she would have to pay her brother for this automobile.

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[redacted] advised that her brother was told by her a few months ago that she would like to have an automobile. She stated that her brother at that time said he would get one for her. She stated that LEO has not told her how much it would cost or how much she will have to pay for it but that she will have to pay for it eventually.

[redacted] exhibited the State of Illinois title for the aforementioned vehicle to SAS THOMAS F. KELLY, JR. and [redacted]. She explained that the signature thereon looks like her signature but that she did not recall having signed it or any of the circumstances surrounding how her signature could have gotten on the application for the title.

On 5/5/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAS THOMAS F. KELLY, JR. and [redacted] JVS 5/8/61
Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1961

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, advised that she and her husband had purchased a 1961 Ford Fairlane from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on March 4, 1961. She added that they paid \$587.00 or \$584.00 cash and issued a check for \$2,000.00 in payment for this car. The check was made payable to cash at the request of the salesman and she believes this check was cashed the same date at a currency exchange.

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[redacted] added that they were unable to obtain a certificate of title for this car and were referred to the law firm of Schwartz and Cooper by the Secretary of State's Office. She said all documents concerning this matter had been turned over to this law firm.

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by SA CHARLES J. MELONE/njc Date dictated 5/9/61

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Date May 10, 1961

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had purchased a 1961 Ford Fairlane from Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, March 4, 1961. He related that he has been a Chevrolet man for many years but decided this year they were priced too high. Accordingly, he was also pricing Ford cars and on Friday evening, March 3, 1961, he and his wife stopped at Sterling-Harris. He said they liked the price quoted to them but wanted power steering. When they insisted on power steering, the salesman told them to return the next day and he would try to find a car with power steering.

[redacted] added that they returned to Sterling-Harris on March 4, 1961, at which time he bought a car with power steering. However, when they mailed their application for title to the Secretary of State's Office in Springfield, Illinois, they were advised by that office that title could not be issued at this time and referred them to the law firm of Schwartz and Cooper, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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[redacted] stated that he has always paid cash for his cars and on this occasion he paid \$584 or \$587 in cash and gave them a check for \$2,000.00 for the remainder. He added that the check was payable to cash at the request of the salesman. He claimed that he was not acquainted with any of the officials or employees of Sterling-Harris, but believes it was one of the bosses which sold him the car. He believes that it was [redacted]

He added that all papers concerning this transaction had been turned over to Schwartz and Cooper by his son, [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1961

Attorney [redacted] of the law firm Schwartz and Cooper, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, produced a photostat of a bill of sale of the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, which reflects that [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, purchased a new 1961 Ford Fairlane 500 on March 4, 1961 for \$2,587.50. The stock number was shown as #1250 and the serial number was listed as 1F42W207976. It was shown as a cash deal but the name of the salesman was illegible.

[redacted] also produced a photostat of the application for title. The salesman was listed as [redacted] and the application was notarized by [redacted]. He noted that [redacted] was an employee of Sterling-Harris.

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[redacted] also produced a photostat of a check drawn on the Mid-City National Bank, payable to cash in the amount of \$2,000.00, check number 3, dated March 4, 1961, and signed [redacted]

This check bore the following stamped endorsement:

Pay to the order of the
Belmont National Bank
of Chicago
For deposit only
United Service Currency Exchange
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by SA CHARLES J. MELONE/njc Date dictated 5/9/61

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/61

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that she purchased a 1961 Ford, 4-door sedan, from Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. in the early part of March, 1961. She stated that she was shopping around for a car and this place offered her the best deal. She did not learn from any individual that Sterling-Harris was giving any special discounts but she was just shopping around for an automobile. She stated that she paid cash for the car and the price was approximately \$2,400. [redacted] stated that she either made this purchase on the third or fifth of March, 1961, and that the salesman who sold her the car had the first initial B in his name but she does not know him or any other persons at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. [redacted] stated that all of her papers, including the title and bill of sale, were put away in her safety deposit box, and that she would not make them available unless her attorney stated it was all right. [redacted] stated that she does not have any specific attorney in mind to whom she will refer this matter but that she would contact some attorney, and on the following week would advise whether she would give any information as to the details of the transaction at Sterling-Harris. [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

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On 4/27/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 49-2290

by SAs [redacted] and RALPH D. HARMON/ Date dictated 5/1/61
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May 11, 1961

Date _____

_____ stated that she has not hired an attorney to advise her concerning the displaying to Agents of the FBI of the bill of sale and title of the car she purchased from Sterling-Harris, as this costs money. She stated that she did look at the bill of sale and it is signed "House." She stated she previously had thought the salesman's name was _____ or some similar name, but his name does not appear on the bill of sale and _____ stated she now is not sure of the salesman's name. _____ stated she paid approximately \$2,400.00 for the car.

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_____ stated that if she decides to display the bill of sale or title she will telephone the Chicago Office.

On 5/10/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290
by SAs _____ and C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS/jmb Date dictated 5/10/61

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May 1, 1961

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Skokie, Illinois. [redacted] stated that he is usually called [redacted] and that he is the proprietor of the [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] recalled that prior to March 2, 1961, he had noticed the advertisements of the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., in both newspaper and television, and decided that he would trade his 1959 Oldsmobile 88 for a new Ford Thunderbird. He stated that as a result of these advertisements he went to the Sterling-Harris showroom on Cicero Avenue, and there dealt with a salesman on March 2, 1961, for the purchase of a new car. At this time he made arrangements to buy a new Thunderbird for \$1,500.00 plus his 1959 Oldsmobile 88. [redacted] stated he did not know the name of the salesman with whom he negotiated. At the conclusion of the deal arrangements were made for him to return the following day with the money for the transaction, and this was done also at the request of the salesman who stated that he wanted time to go over the new car to be sure it was in the best operating condition.

On the following day, March 3, 1961, [redacted] stated that he returned to Sterling-Harris and paid for the car with a money order in the amount of \$1,500.00, which he had obtained the previous day, and received in exchange for the money order and his 1959 Oldsmobile a bill of sale and the new car. [redacted] produced the bill of sale and displayed it to interviewing Agents. It reflects the following trade-in:

1959 Oldsmobile #597M44359, blue and white two door hard top, allowance \$2500.00. Description of car purchased a 1961 Ford T-Bird two-door HT, Serial Number 1Y71Z122516. With the \$1,500.00 money order and the \$2,500.00 value of the above-described 1959 Oldsmobile, the bill of sale showed a total price of \$4,000.00. The bill of sale had the notary public seal of [redacted]. The salesman was indicated to be "HOUSE", and the person indicated as having signed

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Skokie, Illinois

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by SAs [redacted] and ROBERT J. DENEEN/aaa 4/28/61
Date dictated _____

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for Sterling-Harris is identified only by illegible initials. These same initials appeared also in the name of the notary public.

In addition to the bill of sale, [redacted] produced a stub showing the purchase of a money order on March 2, 1961, at the Bureau Currency Exchange, 1107 South State, telephone WE 9-7668. This money order bore number 307638 and was in the sum of \$1,500.00. The money order reflects "Sold to [redacted] order of Sterling-Harris Ford". [redacted] in addition to the above papers, also had a receipt from Sterling-Harris for \$1,500.00, showing the balance due "none" and a \$1,500.00 payment by money order. The signature on this receipt consisted only of illegible initials.

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[redacted] stated that he preferred not to give a signed statement regarding the above facts. He also declined to surrender the above-described documents but stated that he would retain them and make them available if necessary.

[redacted] added he did not know of any other person who purchased a car from Sterling-Harris at any time. He further stated that on the occasion of his two visits to Sterling-Harris he saw no one whom he knew. He said that he did not know the name of the salesman at Sterling-Harris with whom he dealt, as he was not introduced to him.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1961

[redacted] Bureau Currency Exchange, 1107 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, turned over to SAs [redacted] and ROBERT J. DENEEN Money Order Number 307638, dated March 2, 1961, of the Bureau Currency Exchange. It showed the remitter as [redacted] and was payable to the order of Sterling-Harris Ford. The amount was \$1,500.00. It was signed "Bureau Currency Exchange, [redacted]" and drawn on the Central National Bank in Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

On the back it bore the handwritten endorsement "Sterling-Harris Ford, [redacted]" It also bore the stamped endorsement "Pay to the Order of Belmont National Bank of Chicago, For Deposit Only, United Service Currency Exchange - 16." The front of the money order bore the following stamp, "Paid, Central National Bank In Chicago, Mar. 10, 1961."

On 4/28/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290
by SAs [redacted] & ROBERT J. DENEEN/JVR Date dictated 5/1/61

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. BASSETT and SA [] in an effort to locate and determine complete identity of person named [] who allegedly resides at 2739 Ogden Avenue and purchased a 1961 Ford automobile from Sterling-Harris, Inc., March, 1961:

On April 26, 1961, it was determined that 2739 Ogden Avenue was the location of Leo's Barber Shop and a sign on the door indicated that this shop was closed on Wednesdays.

[] advised that he is the janitor who cares for the apartments located at that address in the rear of Leo's Barber Shop. [] advised that at the present time the only persons who reside in the apartments at the rear of Leo's Barber Shop are of the Negro Race. He stated that he is not acquainted with any individual named [] and has never known any person by that name who resided in the area of 2739 Ogden Avenue. [] advised that the owner of Leo's Barber Shop was a person named [] who resides in Naperville, Illinois. He stated he doubted if [] could be contacted on April 26, 1961 inasmuch as he possessed an unpublished number for his residence.

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On April 27, 1961, [] Leo's Barber Shop, 2739 Ogden Avenue, advised that he was not acquainted with any individual named []. He stated he could not understand why anyone named [] would use 2739 Ogden Avenue as an address inasmuch as this address had been the location of his barber shop for the past few years. [] advised that he believed that there was a person by the name of [] who had spent time "bumming" in the area and he stated that possibly other persons in the neighborhood could furnish more complete information regarding []. He also stated that the individual named [] was most probably identical with [] stated in conclusion that he had never received any mail, telephone calls, or other type inquiry for anyone named [] during his ownership of Leo's Barber Shop.

On April 21, 1961, [] Terrace Lounge, 2729 Ogden Avenue, advised that he recalled that an individual named [] whom he called [], had been known more or less as a "bum" in and around the neighborhood for several months and he had not seen this individual

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for approximately two months. [] stated that [] was a white male, in his late 30's, who was a very poorly dressed individual, to the best of his knowledge had no close friends or associates and had never possessed a steady job. He stated that to the best of his recollection, [] would beg for money for drinks around the Terrace Lounge and was always broke. He recalled that [] once told him he had never owned an automobile and was unable to drive an automobile. [] concluded by stating that in his opinion [] could not possibly purchase an automobile inasmuch as he apparently never possessed any money and most probably was unable to get credit. He stated he had no idea as to the present whereabouts of []

On April 27, 1961, [] Patrolman, Chicago Police Department, who resides at [] advised that he was well acquainted with the area located in the vicinity of 2739 Ogden Avenue. [] furnished substantially the same information regarding his knowledge of a [] He stated he had no idea as to the present whereabouts of [] He advised that he had no knowledge of any person named [] who resided at 2739 Ogden Avenue. He stated as far as he is aware, that this address is listed for Leo's Barber Shop, and it is probable that no one named [] resided at that address.

Inasmuch as the above investigation indicates that there is no individual named [] who resides at 2739 Ogden Avenue, no further investigation is being conducted in that area to locate []

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs
WILLIAM A. MORRISON and [redacted]

On April 26, 1961, [redacted] Landlord, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he has lived at the above address for
20 years. He stated that no one by the name of [redacted]
[redacted] was living in his building, nor did he know anyone named
[redacted] He stated the other families who live in the
building are [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that his daughter owns a 1961 Thunderbird
Ford which was purchased at Sterling, Illinois. He stated that he
did not know of any new Fords in the neighborhood.

On April 27, 1961, the following individuals were
contacted relative to the identity of [redacted]
[redacted] and they advised that they did not know
anyone by the name of [redacted] nor had they ever heard of
anyone by that name living at [redacted]

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[redacted] 1st floor
[redacted] residing at this address
for three years

[redacted] 2nd floor, [redacted]
residing at this address for three years

On April 27, 1961, [redacted] Mailman, United
States Post Office, advised that he delivers mail to [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that he has delivered mail for
[redacted] to the above address. However, he does not know
who [redacted] is and he has never been instructed to forward
[redacted] mail to another address.

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Date April 27, 1961

[redacted] advised that he has been [redacted] of The Snack Shop located at 2903 West Harrison for the past three years and [redacted] is completely unknown to him. He said there is no residence located at this address and he could offer no explanation for [redacted] listing this address in connection with the purchase of a 1961 Ford inasmuch as [redacted] is not known here.

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by SAs [redacted] and ROBERT E. BARRY/mabh Date dictated 4/26/61

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On April 26, 1961, SAs [redacted] and LELAND G. RICHIE attempted to contact [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] of that address advised that he [redacted] is a Chicago Policeman and the landlord at that address. He advised [redacted] lives at that address but does not know where he or his wife are employed. As [redacted] goes to work in mid-afternoon he does not know what time [redacted] comes home. Later the same date another attempt was made to contact [redacted] at this address. At that time a young female, age approximately 12-14 years, answered the door but refused to answer any questions as to [redacted] whereabouts. She did admit she was his daughter but terminated the interview abruptly without furnishing further information.

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On April 27, 1961, a note was left at [redacted] address with a small female child who answered the door but declined to furnish any information. The note requested [redacted] contact the Chicago FBI Office for the purpose of arranging an interview.

On May 1, 1961, at 1:40 p.m. [redacted] telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and left message that he would call back around 5:00 p.m. that day.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/61

[redacted] Staff Attorney, Associates Discount Corporation, (ADC), South Bend, Indiana, furnished the following information:

He advised that ADC has now received information regarding the registration of numerous missing Sterling-Harris cars from the office of the Secretary of State of Illinois. He advised that even though a restraining order and injunction had been issued by Referee in Bankruptcy [redacted] by the terms of which no titles were to be issued by the Secretary of State's office on the missing cars, it has become apparent that some titles were actually issued to purchasers. He advised that he has also heard that a State Representative of Illinois, Mr. NAPOLITANO, had personally interceded in some instances with the Secretary of State's office to have titles on some of the missing cars issued.

[redacted] advised that as a result of the current information received from the Secretary of State's office, 11 new cars, 5 used cars, and 1 demonstrator were all of the Sterling-Harris cars on which no information, has yet, been received. [redacted] also advised that with regard to the car hikers who were used in the transporting of Sterling-Harris cars from Chicago to Park City, Illinois, on March 5, 1961, and March 6, 1961, the following is a list of the names and addresses of these car hikers who were ticketed at North Brook, Illinois, while transporting the cars:

1. [redacted] East Chicago, Indiana, born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford; ticketed for no driver's license or automobile license plate (i.e., no valid automobile registration).
2. [redacted] Whiting, Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1961 Falcon; ticketed for no chauffeur's license or automobile license plate.

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by SA HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER/JAG Date dictated 5/8/61

3. [redacted] East Chicago, Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 2-door; ticketed for no chauffeur's license or license plate.
4. [redacted] Chicago; born [redacted] drove a 1961 Ford; ticketed for no chauffeur's license and no license plate on his car.
5. [redacted] Dolton, Illinois; born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 2-door; ticketed for no chauffeur's license or license plate.
6. [redacted] Lincolnwood, Illinois; born [redacted] drove a 1961 Ford 2-door; ticketed for having a suspended driver's license at the time and no valid automobile registration.
7. [redacted] Melrose Park, Illinois; birth date unknown; drove a 1961 Ford 2-door; ticketed for no license plate on the car.
8. [redacted] Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 4-door; ticketed for no license plate on the car.
9. [redacted] East Chicago, Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 2-door; ticketed for having no license plates on the car.
10. [redacted] East Chicago, Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 4-door; ticketed for no chauffeur's license and no license plates.

11. [redacted]
East Chicago, Indiana; born [redacted]
drove a 1960 Ford; ticketed for no license
plates on the car.
12. [redacted]
(or Indiana) Street, Hammond, Indiana; born
[redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 4-door;
ticketed for no chauffeur's license or
automobile license plates.
13. [redacted] Gary, Indiana;
born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford 2-door;
ticketed for no license plates on the car.
14. [redacted] Hammond,
Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960
Ford 4-door; ticketed for no license plates on
the car.
15. [redacted] Griffith,
Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960
Ford 2-door; ticketed for no license plates on
the car.
16. [redacted] East
Chicago, Indiana; born [redacted] drove a
1960 Ford 4-door; ticketed for no license plates
on the car.
17. [redacted] Gary,
Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960
Ford 2-door; ticketed for no license plates on
the car.
18. [redacted] East Chicago,
Indiana; born [redacted] drove a 1960 Ford
4-door; ticketed for no license plates on the
car.

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Date May 12, 1961

[redacted] Staff Attorney,
Associates Discount Corporation (ADC), South Bend,
Indiana, furnished the following information:

He advised that at a 21A hearing held on
May 10, 1961, Attorney [redacted] of the law firm
of Simon and De Mars, acting as [redacted]
attorney, had produced certain of [redacted] banking
records relative to the disposition of \$20,000.00 of
the \$25,000.00 [redacted] had received from Sterling-Harris
Ford, Incorporated, which [redacted] had deposited to his
account on March 13, 1961.

[redacted] furnished a copy of the bank statement
of [redacted] or [redacted] Special Account,
77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, in
account with American National Bank and Trust Company
of Chicago. This account shows the following pertinent
entries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
3/13/61		\$25,000.00
3/17/61	\$2,500.00	
3/20/61	\$7,500.00	
3/20/61	\$7,500.00	
3/21/61	\$2,500.00	

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The opening and ending balances of this
account are:

3/1/61	\$597.86
3/28/61	\$5,887.06

[redacted] also furnished copies of the four checks
charged against the above account of [redacted]
and [redacted] These checks are described
as follows:

1. Check Number
Dated
Payee
Signed By

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3/14/61

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by SA(A) HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER/bas Date dictated 5/12/61

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Amount
Endorsements

\$2,500.00

a) "For deposit

b) Bank stamp of Madison
Bank and Trust Company,
Chicago, Illinois

2. Check Number
Dated
Amount
Signed by
Endorsements

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3/15/61

\$7,500.00

a) [redacted]
b) Deposited to account of
United Service Curr Exch
Belmont National Bank
c) Belmont National Bank of
Chicago

Payee

3. Check Number
Dated
Payee
Signed by
Endorsements

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a) [redacted]
b) American National Bank and
Trust Company of Chicago
\$7,500.00

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Amount

[redacted] noted the face of this check bears
an "OK" and some illegible initials, indicating the
check was cashed.

4. Check Number
Dated
Payee
Amount
Signed by
Endorsements

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\$2,500.00

a) "For deposit" [redacted]
b) Madison Bank and Trust
Company, Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] observed that [redacted] is the
Attorney representing Sterling and Harris in bankruptcy.

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Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]
[redacted] advised on May 9, 1961, that [redacted] and
[redacted] had appeared that day before a
Federal Grand Jury in answer to a subpoena duces tecum

[redacted]
[redacted] said that at a later date he
would ask the Grand Jury to appoint a Special Agent
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an agent
of the Grand Jury [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the bankrupt was in
the process of preparing and filing schedules for the
21A hearing and that he intended to present this
entire matter to the Grand Jury after the bankrupt has
had a reasonable time to prepare schedules.

After clearance was received from [redacted]
the bankrupt's books and records were returned to
Receiver [redacted] at his request on May 4, 1961.

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TO: CHICAGO (49-2290)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138) - 23
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Reurtel 5/17/61 and reports of SA [redacted]
dated 4/23/61 and 5/12/61, at Chicago.

Sufficient personnel should be assigned to insure
that the books and records obtained on 5/16/61 are ex-
peditionously and thoroughly examined.

Should [redacted] contact your office and request
access to these records he should be advised to direct
his inquiry to the U.S. Attorney.

By return mail furnish the Bureau with one copy
each of the referenced reports. Submit three copies of
future reports in this case.

The remaining investigation in this case is to
be afforded top priority and all auxiliary offices are to
be so advised.

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Note: Supervisor Staffeld advised that the Organized Crime
and Racketeering Section, Department, have expressed
an interest in this case because of possible hoodlum
involvement and have requested copies of all investigative
reports.

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5/17/61

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI //49-15138/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2290/ 1P

STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL, NBA. RMYTEL MAY SIXTEEN, LAST. AUSA [] ADVISED HAD BEEN CONTACTED TODAY BY [] [] SPECIAL COUNSEL TO RECEIVER, AND [] STATED WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE RECORDS OBTAINED BY BUREAU, MAY SIXTEEN, LAST, REFERRED TO IN ^{RE} TEL. [] MADE NO COMMITMENT TO [] EXCEPT THAT RECORDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM WHEN FBI WAS THROUGH WITH THEM. [] STATED RECORDS OBTAINED ARE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO [] UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TRIAL THIS MATTER COMPLETED. SHOULD [] CONTACT THIS OFFICE AND REQUEST ACCESS TO RECORDS, REQUEST WILL BE DENIED.

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Date: 5/19/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
 SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;
 ET AL
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ReBuairtel 5/18/61.

Enclosed herewith are one copy each of the
 reports of SA [] dated 4/28/61 and 5/12/61
 at Chicago.

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Instructions contained in reairtel will be
 followed.

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Encls furnished to SA Stafford
 for dissemination to the Organized
 Crime Section of the Dept.
 5/22/61
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EX-114 The Attorney General

May 22, 1961

Director, FBI

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STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED
ET AL.
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGrath
1 - Mr. Gillespie

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I thought you would be interested in the recent developments in this bankruptcy investigation.

This matter involves Sterling - Harris Ford, Incorporated, of Chicago, Illinois, which is alleged to have disposed of assets consisting of three hundred new and used automobiles in contemplation of bankruptcy. Investigation is presently being conducted to determine whether proceeds from the sale of these automobiles were concealed from the bankruptcy court.

[redacted] the Receiver in this bankruptcy, on May 18, 1961, made a request of our Chicago Office to examine the bankrupt's records, which were recently located and obtained by means of a search warrant by our Chicago Office. [redacted] advised he would appear at our Chicago Office to make this examination with three other attorneys, including [redacted] a former Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who is currently acting as a Special Counsel to [redacted] in this bankruptcy.

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This request was referred to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] at Chicago, who advised that the records should not be made available to [redacted] until after this Bureau has completed its examination of these records and also [redacted] should be advised that the search warrant upon which the records were obtained has not been returned before the court and the records must be produced intact.

Upon being advised of [redacted] decision in this matter, [redacted] commented that he could not understand why as an officer of the court he could not see the records and would take the matter up with [redacted]

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The Attorney General

Also for your information, Referee [redacted] to whom this bankruptcy is assigned, contacted our Chicago Office on May 18, 1961, to offer his congratulations on the recovery of the records. At this time [redacted] inquired as to whether or not arrangements were being made for [redacted] to examine the records and he was advised that any such arrangements would have to be made through the United States Attorney's Office at Chicago. b6 b7C

1 - Mr. Eyrone R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

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[redacted] (former Special Assistant to Attorney General, who has recently been critical of the Director and FBI) is Special Counsel to the Receiver in this case and is assisting in bankruptcy proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court. b6 b7C

Case involves bankrupt automobile agency which allegedly disposed of assets, consisting of 300 new and used cars, in contemplation of bankruptcy. We are conducting investigation to determine whether proceeds from sales were concealed from Bankruptcy Court.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /49-15138/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2290/

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National Bankruptcy Act

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SEVENTEEN LAST. [] RECEIVER IN INSTANT BANKRUPTCY, THIS
DATE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED IS INTERESTED IN SEEING RECORDS RECENTLY
SEIZED UNDER THE SEARCH WARRANT OBTAINED BY THIS OFFICE. [] STATED

HE WOULD COME TO THE FBI OFFICE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER ATTORNEYS WHOM
HE IDENTIFIED AS [] AND A []

TO MAKE THIS RECORD EXAMINATION. AUSA [] ADVISED OF

[] REQUEST. HE ADVISED THAT THE REQUESTED RECORDS SHOULD NOT BE
MADE AVAILABLE TO [] FOR EXAMINATION UNTIL THE FBI HAS COMPLETED
ITS EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS. [] ALSO STATED THAT [] SHOULD

BE ADVISED THAT THE SEARCH WARRANT, UPON WHICH INSTANT RECORDS WERE
OBTAINED, HAS NOT YET BEEN RETURNED BEFORE JUDGE MINER, AND THE
RECORDS MUST BE PRODUCED INTACT. WHEN [] ADVISED OF []

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cc - Mr. Rosen

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OPION HAD NO COMMENTS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE COULD NOT SEE THE RECORDS INASMUCH AS HE IS AN OFFICER OF THE COURT. [] STATED HE WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH AUSA [] ON THIS DATE REFEREE [] TO WHOM INSTANT BANKRUPTCY IS ASSIGNED, TELEPHONICALLY CONGRATULATED THE SAC ON THE RECOVERY OF BANKRUPT-S RECORDS BY THIS OFFICE. [] INQUIRED WHETHER OR NOT ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO HAVE RECEIVER [] SEE THE RECORDS. [] WAS ADVISED THAT ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR [] TO REVIEW THESE RECORDS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY-S OFFICE.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138) - *24*
STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.
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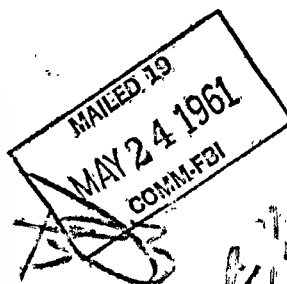
By return airtel advise the Bureau as to whether your office has completed the examination of the books and records obtained by the search warrant.

In order for the Bureau to be kept currently advised of the progress of this investigation, until further notice you are to submit on each Friday a summary airtel setting forth a resume of the investigation conducted, an outline of the investigation to be conducted and the number of Agents assigned to insure that this investigation is completed on the earliest possible date.

As you were previously instructed, this case is to receive top priority.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.
ET AL
NBA

Re Chicago teletype, 5/17/61.

AUSA [] advised 5/19/61 that he expects return will be made on search warrant 5/24/61. Thereafter records obtained will be made available to Receiver [] and/or his representative. Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent details.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (49-381)

① STERLING - HARRIS FORD INC. JA-217[redacted] aka [redacted] 10NBA 5

Re CG airtel to IP, 5/4/61.

The following is a summary of information obtained through interview of officials Courtesy Motors, East Chicago, Indiana, and car-hikers employed by that company for transportation of Sterling-Harris cars, 3/5,6/61.

[redacted] Courtesy Motors, East Chicago, advised [redacted] Sterling-Harris salesman, contacted him and requested [redacted] to supply car-hikers to move Sterling-Harris cars at \$10 a car. He denies other implication, with the exception of supplying approximately 15 hikers and taking them to Sterling-Harris storage lot, 3/5/61. b6
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Fourteen hikers interviewed to date have no knowledge of preliminary arrangements between Courtesy Motors and Sterling-Harris. Advise unidentified individuals believed to be officials of Sterling-Harris Company instructed hikers to drive 1960 and 1961 Fords in convey from Sterling-Harris storage lot near Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, to open field next to junk yard in Waukegan, Illinois, 3/5,6/61. E

Hiker [redacted] advises he prepared list by serial number in open field of cars transported and gave same to [redacted] Courtesy Motors. States 113 cars transported by hikers. [redacted] and other hikers accompanied by [redacted] at completion of car moving 3/6/61 traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Purpose

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of trip not determined, however, [] states he was obtaining cars for Courtesy Motors from Hertz, Milwaukee, and trip had no connection with Sterling-Harris. Hikers have no knowledge of [] activities in Milwaukee, but when he failed to return to auto containing hikers after several hours they departed for East Chicago without him. [] states he returned to East Chicago by Hertz-Rent-A-Car.

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Hikers [] and []
[] positively identified RUGENDORF as individual at Sterling-Harris storage lot taking serial numbers off cars and assigning them to hikers. No positive identification of ALDERISIO made.

Considerable effort by the Indianapolis Division to locate and interview the car hikers reveals the majority are residing at addresses other than set forth in referenced communication. All but one hiker has been located and the results of their interviews set forth in FD 302s. One remaining hiker returning from Tennessee, Friday, 5/26/61 and a report will be prepared upon the completion of this interview.

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
 SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.
 ET AL
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ReBuairtel 5/24/61.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Following is summary of investigation conducted since submission of report of SA [] dated 5/12/61 at Chicago, Illinois.

Records of the bankrupt concealed on premises of Apex Waste Company, 865 North Sangamon Street, Chicago, were recovered on May 16, 1961, following issuance of search warrant by Judge MINER. These records have been examined. Search warrant returned 5 25/61 and on order of Judge MINER, records turned over to custody of U. S. District Court Clerk's Office on 5/26/61.

Interviews conducted and record examinations made regarding two \$7,500.00 checks payable to [] and [] which are part of the \$25,000.00 of bankrupt's funds deposited originally to account of [] [] cashed his \$7,500.00 check at United Service Currency Exchange, operated by [] of Apex Company on whose premises concealed records were found, advised [] entered business on or about 4/24/61 and moved in filing cabinets in which records were stored; [] states gave [] five (5) \$1,500.00 money orders in blank; subsequently [] cashed two with [] for \$3,000.00. The remaining three totaling \$4,500.00 went to [] AAA Motors, Inc.

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[redacted] advised that \$4,500.00 was part of payment by [redacted] for [redacted] business, but the deal fell through and \$2,750.00 refunded to [redacted] Investigation this phase continuing.

Two car hikers interviewed and location of one of missing cars ascertained as result. Former employer [redacted] interviewed with negative results. Five purchasers interviewed and numerous bank checks made to verify or disprove stories told by purchasers and to locate bank accounts of principals.

Lead set for Milwaukee regarding possible location of additional cars in possession of one [redacted].

Liaison with Associates Discount Corporation officials being maintained.

Detailed schedule summarizing results of interviews and other pertinent information being prepared for inclusion in next report.

Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Springfield offices have outstanding leads and they have been advised to give this case top priority per Bureau instructions.

At present no information received on 11 new cars, two used cars and one demonstrator which should have been in bankrupt's inventory.

Certain other cars apparently registered fictitiously and investigation continuing to locate purchasers.

Three agents assigned full time and other agents assigned as volume of leads necessitates. At present time ten agents are assigned leads to handle on priority basis.

The following is remaining investigation:

Follow-up on [redacted] PHASE

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Interview or re-interview 14 purchasers

Prepare detailed schedule

Check bank records re 15 purchasers of
cars and bankrupt's bank account

Interview two car-hikers

Maintain liaison with ADC

This case is receiving top priority in this
office.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD,
INC.; ET AL.
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Remytel dated 5/25/61.

AUSA on 5/26/61, obtained court order from Federal Judge JULIUS H. MINER directing records seized under recent search warrant be turned over to USDC clerk and, in compliance with order, same was done.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT : STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.
ET AL
NBA

Re Bureau airtel 5/24/61.

Examination of records obtained by search warrant has been completed and returned on warrant made 5/25/61 before Federal Judge JULIUS H. MINER.

In addition to obtaining both new and used car inventory records of subject company as of 2/28/61 as a result of search, there was also obtained account receivable ledger cards for current accounts receivable totaling \$21,698.36, which had apparently been withheld from receiver.

Bureau will be kept advised of developments and weekly summary airtel submitted in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 49-15138

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 49-2290

STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL, NBA. ON MAY SIXTEEN, INSTANT, VARIOUS RECORDS, STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD, INC., OBSERVED BY SPECIAL AGENTS IN OFFICE LOCATED EIGHT SIX FIVE N. SANGAMON ST., CHICAGO. AUSA [REDACTED] ADVISED AND SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED BY FEDERAL JUDGE JULIUS MONOR. WHEN ATTEMPT MADE TO SERVE WARRANT, PREMISES FOUND PADLOCKED. ENTRY GAINED AND VARIOUS STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC. RECORDS OBTAINED INCLUDING STOCK CAR INVENTORY RECORDS FOR TWO HUNDRED FORTY FOUR NEW AND ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN USED CARS. ALSO LOCATED WERE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX QUOTE DEAL FILES AND QUOTE PERTAINING TO STERLING DASH HARRIS CAR SALES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. PREMISES EIGHT SIX FIVE N. SANGAMON, FROM INFO NOTED, APPARENTLY LEASED TO APEX WASTE CO., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] APPARENTLY SAME [REDACTED] ASSOCIATED WITH LEO RUGENDORF IN TWIN FOOD PRODUCTS, INC. RECORDS OBTAINED WILL BE COMPLETELY ANALYZED AND BUREAU ADVISED PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL
NBA

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Remytel 5/25/61.

The following is submitted for the Bureau's information concerning another contact by [] with this office.

On 5/31/61, [] telephonically advised [] that about three weeks ago he had served a subpoena duces tecum on [] [] Attorney for [] requested and was granted a continuance on this subpoena and it is now returnable 6/5/61. [] recently contacted [] and apparently did not desire to have [] appear at the bankruptcy hearing. When [] saw he was not getting anywhere with [] he departed. [] later learned that [] had contacted [] of the firm of Schwartz and Cooper, Attorneys for Associates Discount Corp. (ADC), who floor planned subject company's cars and advised him that [] would settle with ADC for \$26,000. [] said he had read previous newspaper accounts where [] claimed to have previously paid \$30,000 for these cars. [] said he was unable to understand why, if [] already paid \$30,000 for these cars, he was willing to pay an additional \$26,000 to ADC for them. He said he asked [] who was putting up the \$26,000 for this settlement, but did not wish to disclose this information. [] said he believes that []

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does not want to appear at the bankruptcy hearing and feels he would probably have to take the fifth amendment and is attempting to avoid such a situation.

[] said that he would appreciate any information that we may have developed that would be of assistance to him in examining [] and that he would treat any such information on a completely confidential basis.

He was advised by [] that we would record the information that he furnished. He was also advised that the results of our investigation are furnished to the USA's office and that it would be absolutely impossible to furnish him information on a confidential basis.

United States Attorney

Assistant United States Attorney

He said he may contact AUSA [] in this matter, and that he has not given any of the foregoing information to []

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[] was advised of [] contact with this office and that [] might contact him in the future.

[] was previously interviewed by agents of this office concerning this matter on 4/21/61 as reported in the report of SA [] Chicago, 4/28/61. At that time, although he was reluctant to talk about the matter or produce any records, [] claimed to have paid about \$30,000 in cash for 13 Sterling-Harris cars.

Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 5/23/61	Investigative Period 3/7/61 - 5/19/61
TITLE OF CASE STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC. aka Silverstein;		Report made by SA [redacted]	Typed By: el
		CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Milwaukee radiogram to Chicago March 7, 1961. (IO)
Milwaukee airtel to Chicago March 11, 1961. (IO)
Chicago airtel to Bureau March 15, 1961.
Chicago airtel to Milwaukee April 24, 1961. (IO)
Milwaukee airtel to Chicago May 18, 1961. (IO)

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ENCLOSURES

CHICAGO DIVISION: Photostat of Schroeder Hotel registration card
for [redacted] dated March 6, 1961;
Photostat of Schroeder Hotel registration card
for [redacted] dated March 6, 1961;
Photostat of Schroeder Hotel registration card
for [redacted] dated March 6, 1961;

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Photostat of Schroeder Hotel registration card
for [] dated March 6, 1961.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Madison, Wisconsin:

Will at the Motor Vehicle Division, obtain photostats or
copies of any instruments used by [] and []
[] to obtain Wisconsin titles for their automobiles
and registrations.

At Thorp, Wisconsin:

Will contact [] of Thorp Finance Company to
determine whether he has any pertinent information re
this investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The lengthy investigative time is due to the fact that
after certain investigation was conducted by the Milwaukee
Division in March, 1961, instructions were received to dis-
continue. Subsequently, new instructions were received to
re-initiate the investigation for possible violation in a
different classification.

By way of general background, on March 7, 1961, []
[] Associates Discount Corporation, 2510 W.
Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. advised the Milwaukee FBI
Office that Associates Discount Corporation "floor-planned"
227 Fords, Thunderbirds and Ford Falcons for Sterling-Harris
Ford, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois. According to [] some
of these cars were believed to be in the process of being
moved "north," some having been moved on or about March 5,
1961 from Chicago, Illinois. According to [] approximately
115 of these cars had been found located in a field outside
Waukegan, Illinois but the remainder of the automobiles had
not been recovered.

On March 8, 1961, [] advised that he had no first-
hand information concerning this matter and that the in-
formation he did have had been received through the officers
and representatives of Associates Discount Corporation at

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Chicago, Illinois, particularly from [] Chicago Regional Manager.

The Chicago FBI Office meantime was furnished the details as supplied by [] at Milwaukee, and Chicago was requested to ascertain whether there was any Federal violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

The Chicago Office by telephone communication and other correspondence indicated the matter was to be discussed with the USA's office, Chicago, Illinois.

In the interim, the Milwaukee Police Department was making inquiries concerning the autos of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., as a result of a request made to that department by the Milwaukee Office of Associates Discount Corp. for the purpose of locating any automobiles which might have possibly come into the Milwaukee area. By telephone communication with the Chicago Office and by written correspondence dated March 15, 1961, the Chicago Office advised Milwaukee that this matter had been discussed with the USA's Office, Chicago, Ill., and that the Milwaukee Office was requested to discontinue investigation. b6 b7C

Numerous efforts have been made on various dates to contact [] at his residence both personally and telephonically. Investigation has determined that [] was out of town on two different occasions, one occasion being a relatively extensive trip in Canada. It was further determined that [] wife for a period of time has suffered from a nervous condition and as a result of this condition has been in a sanitarium. Although the [] have a telephone at their residence, inquiry made has resulted in determining that the [] apparently refuse to take all telephone calls made to them. [] is a known local gambler and when he was finally contacted, it was in the downtown area, at or near the several places where he conducts his business.

After an extensive search of his records, [] [] Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 16, 1961 advised he could find no one who had used Room 1744 on the date of March 6, 1961. [] pointed out that the room was a small room, and not conducive to use by more than two or three people. He did state, however, that he found that

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in the larger room of 1742, the room had been used by a [redacted] of Waukegan, Illinois on March 6, 1961. Through the registration card, an extensive search was made to locate the bill of [redacted] for Room 1742 for the date of March 6, 1961. [redacted] advised that the registration card of [redacted] reflected that he was previously assigned to Room 1704 but had been changed to 1742 which was a larger room, apparently after he had been joined by another guest or guests. [redacted] checked in on March 6, 1961 at approximately 11:09 AM.

The bill of [redacted] for Room 1742 reflected, according to [redacted] that the occupant or occupants of the room made three local telephone calls and three long-distance calls. The records for the local telephone calls have been destroyed but the records for the long-distance telephone calls to Chicago, Illinois reflect the following calls made on March 6, 1961:

At 8:43 PM to BA 1-6556, charged 44¢

At 8:55 PM to BA 1-6556, charged 44¢

At 9:55 PM to BA 1-6556, charged 99¢

Information concerning [redacted] is being set out in the administrative section as it is not certain that he is in fact identical with [redacted] who is of interest to the Chicago Office. The Chicago Office may use its own discretion as to setting out leads to determine whether [redacted] is identical with [redacted]. A photostatic copy of the registration card for [redacted] who registered at the Schroeder Hotel on March 6, 1961 is being furnished in view of the likelihood that the Chicago Office might desire to request handwriting comparison with [redacted] or other Chicago suspects.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA [redacted]
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Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 26-10812

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Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.
[redacted]

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: [redacted] Wausau, Wis. [redacted] Wausau Auto Auction, advised that in early March, 1961, [redacted] Chicago, had told him of possibility of some autos which could be bought "right." [redacted] telephonically called [redacted] approximately 3/4/61, said would take about \$300,000 in cash to make purchase. Not believing he could handle the transaction himself, [redacted] contacted [redacted] Ford dealer at Thorp, Wis. [redacted] met at Wausau Wis. during morning of 3/6/61, and 3 then flew to MIL. and registered at Schroeder Hotel, where they met Attorney [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] Thorp Finance Co. representative. After some discussion, [redacted] stated proposed transaction did not look good to him, at which time he departed. Thereafter, the 3 went to [redacted] room in the Schroeder Hotel, where there were approximately 7 other individuals. After indicating there was no "deal" one of the men became abusive and when [redacted] had an opportunity, they left the hotel. Results of interview with [redacted] set out. [redacted] located, at which time he said he did not wish to furnish information, upon instruction of his attorney. Cars bought by [redacted] currently the subject of replevin actions brought by Associates Discount Corp., Milwaukee.

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DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Except where otherwise indicated, the investigation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin was conducted by SA [redacted]

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On March 8, 1961, Inspector [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department advised SA LAURENCE J. GIUNTOLI advised that he received information from [redacted] Associates Discount Corporation, 2510 West Captiol Drive, Milwaukee, that 227 new Fords, Falcons and Thunderbirds had been removed from the Sterling-Harris Ford Agency, 2626 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, on March 5 or March 6, 1961. He further stated that 115 cars had been located in a field near Waukegan, Illinois, but the location of the other 112 cars was unknown, and they may possibly be in Wisconsin.

Inspector [redacted] advised that Associates Discount Corporation holds a lien on these cars, and that dealers, finance companies, loan companies and banks have been notified, in the event these cars show up in the Milwaukee area.

A preliminary investigation by Detective [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department on March 8, 1961 revealed that a [redacted] (PH) occupied room 1523 at the Schroeder Hotel on March 6, 1961. [redacted] identified as [redacted] (PH) or [redacted] an auctioneer from Chicago. [redacted] said the meeting at the Schroeder Hotel was believed to be in regard to possibly financing the missing 112 automobiles.

On March 8, 1961, Detective [redacted] learned at the Schroeder Hotel that on the morning of March 7, 1961, one [redacted] Wausau, Wisconsin telephoned the Schroeder Hotel from Wausau, Wisconsin saying that he wanted to be checked out and that he would mail the hotel a check for a room he had rented on the previous day, and that he had room number 1515, but had never occupied it. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had attended a meeting with [redacted] and [redacted] (PH) at the Schroeder Hotel.

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On March 10, 1961, Detective [redacted] Auto Detail, Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA LAURENCE J. GIUNTOLI that their department had learned of an automobile which had been handled or possibly sold by Sterling - Harris Ford, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois. According to Detective [redacted] this car was located at the Avis Rent-A-Car garage, 429 West Wells Street. [redacted] said that this car was a white 1960 Ford, VIN #OG 32V 147118 and had been brought in for storage by [redacted] and it had 1961 Wisconsin License plates U52-767.

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[redacted] said that according to the records of the Motor Vehicle Department, this license was registered to [redacted] for a 1959 Mercury, Serial Number N9WA521363 and that [redacted] address for the Mercury was listed as [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Detective [redacted] further added that [redacted] is the head of the Bartenders Union, 704 West Wisconsin Avenue.

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[redacted] Avis Rent-A-Car garage, 429 West Wells Street, stated that [redacted] had outside parking privileges at their organization, which meant that his automobile is ordinarily parked on an open lot. However, when [redacted] goes out of town, he has his automobile placed inside the heated garage. [redacted] advised that [redacted] brought a white 1960 Ford in his parking lot on Wednesday, March 8, 1961, and that he instructed the parking lot attendant to take the car into the garage indicating that he, [redacted] contemplated being out of town.

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[redacted] advised that he is a parking lot attendant for the Avis Rent-A-Car parking lot located at 429 West Wells Street. He advised that [redacted] brought a 1960 white Ford into the lot for parking sometime Wednesday night, March 8, 1961. [redacted] stated that [redacted] asked him if he, [redacted] liked the new car. [redacted] did not specifically say that it was a new car nor did he say where he had purchased the automobile, or from whom he had purchased it. [redacted] requested [redacted] to put the automobile inside, inferring to [redacted] that he, [redacted] in all probability would be gone for several days from Milwaukee. [redacted] stated that when ever [redacted] leaves Milwaukee he usually makes the request that his car be placed inside the heated garage.

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SAs [redacted] observed a 1960 white Ford at the Avis Rent-A-Car garage, 429 West Wells Street. This automobile possessed VIN OG32V-147118 and had 1961 Wisconsin License plates U52-767. The identification plate on the left front door post reflected body number 58E M, Trim 32, date 0-3-C, Transmission 3 and mileage as 163 2/10 miles. The automobile had a Sterling-Harris decal on the lower trunk.

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[redacted] advised on March 8, 1961 that he was affiliated with the Wausau Office of Associates Discount Corporation, 214 3rd Street, and he recalled receiving a telephone call at 2 AM on March 7, 1961 from South Bend, Indiana. Associates Discount Corporation Vice-president [redacted] who stated that about 250 automobiles and trucks of the Sterling-Harris Ford Company, Chicago, Illinois had disappeared over the weekend before that. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had told him that he had received information there that some of the automobiles, possibly 50 or 60 of them, were to be sold at an auto auction in Wausau, Wisconsin. [redacted] advised he believed that [redacted] had received that information through [redacted] General Council, South Bend, Indiana, of the Associates Discount Corporation. He advised that [redacted] was the [redacted] the Chicago Branches of the Associates Discount Corp., Room 1245, 222 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. He advised that he had also received information that the Associates Discount Corp. had immediately asked authorities at the Wisconsin and Illinois state line to be on the alert for the possible appearance of the Ford automobiles but had received no information from those authorities to indicate that the automobiles had crossed the Wisconsin state line as of March 8, 1961. [redacted] advised that his company, Associates Discount Corp., did business with Sterling-Harris Corp. of Chicago, Illinois, Ford dealer, and that his company financed the new automobiles delivered to Sterling-Harris Corp. in Chicago. He advised that it was the policy of his company to make a physical inventory of the automobiles in possession of the Ford Company, about once a week and from information he had received from [redacted] such an inventory had been made on about Friday, prior to weekend before March 7, 1961 and nothing had been noted as missing, therefore the 250 automobiles which were said to be missing by [redacted] would have had to disappear over last weekend, the weekend of March 4 and 5, 1961. [redacted] advised he had no personal knowledge of the association with Sterling-Harris or of the disappearance of the automobiles except what he received from [redacted] and he believed that the [redacted]

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in Chicago could furnish the particulars as of the
alleged disappearance of the automobiles.

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[redacted] advised on March 8, 1961 that he resided [redacted] Wausau and was [redacted] the Wausau Auto Auction, 2929 Stewart Avenue in Wausau, Wisconsin. He advised that about one week ago an auctioneer who was well known to him by the name of [redacted] had told him of a possibility of some automobiles being available which could be bought "right." He advised that [redacted] resides in Chicago, Illinois at [redacted] and had telephone number Regent 1-3320. He recalls that on Saturday noon, March 4, 1961, [redacted] called long distance, probably from Chicago, Illinois, and told him that there were some cars, which were all Ford, 1961 models, available to purchase and that it would take about \$300,000 in cash to make the purchase. [redacted] advised that he knew that he could not handle all of those new automobiles himself so that he then immediately called a [redacted] Ford Dealer of Thorp, Wisconsin, regarding the deal and [redacted] said that he would also have some of the Fords and he would immediately call [redacted] of the Thorp Finance Company in Thorp, who was a friend of his, to see if he would be interested in supplying the money for the deal. He advised that [redacted] called him back shortly thereafter and said that he had talked to a [redacted] (first name unknown) [redacted] at Thorp Finance Company, who had told him that the money would be made available to him if it would be "okayed" by their general counselor and member of the Board of Directors. [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had again called him back long distance and he told him that the deal could probably be handled "okay" if the cars were alright and [redacted] had asked him where the automobiles could be stored so he had then called a [redacted] of Waukegan, Illinois and operator of a wrecking yard near there, but the son of the man named [redacted] had answered the telephone and he could not make telephonic contact with [redacted] at that time.

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[redacted] advised that he then had made a little later in that evening another telephone call to Waukegan and at that time had reached [redacted] and determined from him that some automobiles could be stored there. He advised that he then called long distance to [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois and gave him the name and

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telephone number of [] and told him to make arrangements with [] to store any of the automobiles there. He advised that [] flew to Wausau, Wisconsin, arriving there about 7:50 PM Sunday evening on March 5, 1961 via North Central Airlines and he spent the night in Wausau at Hotel Wausau. He advised that he had talked to [] at the Hotel Wausau the next morning, Monday, March 6, 1961 with [] of Thorp, Wisconsin and they then told [] that Thorp Finance Company said they would handle the money deal, if the deal was okay with [] of Milwaukee, their general counselor. He advised that the three of them then flew to Milwaukee, Wisconsin via Grimm Charter Airlines of Wausau, Wisconsin which was arranged for by [] and that they arrived in Milwaukee approximately 4 PM and tried to contact [] by telephone with negative results at that time.

He advised that they all went to the Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee and he was given room 1515 and [] and [] stayed in room 1523 and that they then reached [] by telephone from the hotel. He advised that [] gave [] a penciled list of the serial numbers of the automobiles which, according to [] indicated that there were 115 automobiles and [] being familiar with serial numbers of autos determined from those serial numbers that most of the cars were 1961 6-cylinder Fords and about half of those automobiles were 1960 model automobiles. He advised that he and [] then discussed what they would offer for those automobiles and that [] was not in the room at that time and they thought the fair value of those automobiles would be about \$170,000, therefore they then figured they would make an offer of about \$125,000 for they then figured they would make \$50,000 on the deal. They then went out to eat dinner and when they returned to the room 1523 that [] was there in the room. He advised that [] arrived in that room about 8 PM and [] stated that his company would need to know the principle of the automobiles and would have to see the invoices to those automobiles before any loan could be made to [] and []

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He advised that [] stated he would get a bill of sale

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and certificates of origin for the automobiles but not the invoices at that time. He advised [] told them that the deal did not look good to him, that the automobiles might possibly be mortgaged and so forth and that Thorp Finance Company would not be interested in such a deal and that he then departed the Schroeder Hotel. He also advised that at that time [] told them that the deal had to be in cash only and no checks would be accepted.

[] advised that [] then made a telephone call from room 1523 to the Sterling-Harris Co., Chicago, Illinois.

[] advised that [] then made a telephone call from room 1523 to an unknown place but which was probably another room in that hotel and said over the phone that there was no deal on the automobiles and that very soon thereafter a [] (last name unknown) came to room 1523 and said let's go to another room and discuss the deal. He advised he would describe [] as white male; about 35; about 5'9"; 190 lbs.; heavy build; suntanned complexion; dark hair; square face; he was wearing a gray suit with a green sport shirt. He advised that he, [] went to room 1744 in Schroeder Hotel and there were seven other individuals, whose names he did not know except one was called []. He advised that one of the group of seven who appeared to be the leader, whom he would described as a white male; 35-40 years of age; dark hair; round flat face; 5'9"-10"; 180; another man, a smaller man described as white male; 140-150; small build; brown-reddish hair; 5'7"; although he did not know any individuals by name, he believed he could recall having seen some of them at some of the various auto auctions which he attended in Wisconsin and also Illinois. He advised as soon as they arrived in 1744, the man who appeared to be the leader spoke to him in a very rough manner saying, "What do you mean no deal?". He advised that [] told him that they were not satisfied with bills of sale and certificates of origin for those cars and said they wanted titles or invoices. He advised that the leader of the group had told him that the deal was already made, the cars had already been sold and they wanted the money for those cars immediately

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and wanted it only in cash. He advised that during the period they were in Room 1744, the telephone to that room was ringing all of the time and that some of the men were talking to unknown individuals on that phone. He advised that he recalled having seen in some sort of envelop a stack of papers in Room 1744 which he believed were the certificates of origin for the automobiles.

[redacted] advised that the men in that room were becoming rough and abusive and that he began to become alarmed and afraid of the situation. He advised that finally they had told him that they could get the invoices for the automobiles and to go call up [redacted] the representative of the loan company and see what he would say then. They also advised they wondered where the paper with penciled serial numbers of those automobiles was located and he told them that the penciled list was up in Room 1523 so he, [redacted] and [redacted] went up to Room 1523 and he gave the penciled list of those serial numbers to [redacted]. He advised that he then told [redacted] that he didn't have [redacted] telephone number that it was in his room 1515 and that he would go and get it and that while [redacted] was talking on the telephone in 1523 that he and [redacted] then left presumably to pick up the telephone number of [redacted] in room 1515 and immediately ran to the elevator and left the Schroeder Hotel. He advised that they tried to obtain a train and a bus out of Milwaukee to Wausau with negative results so they then took a taxi to the airport to get a flight out of there to Wausau and that it took sometime before a flight was available and that they had to wait at that airport in Milwaukee. He advised after thinking the situation over while at the airport, he recalled having heard the name Sterling mentioned by the men in the room and that he then picked up a Chicago telephone directory at the airport, Milwaukee, and went through the Ford Companies in that directory and located the name of Sterling-Harris and that he then called [redacted] from the airport and told him the name of the Ford Company for his information. He advised that while he and [redacted] were at the airport, [redacted] and 4 men were also at the airport and that he and [redacted] went to the heavily populated area of the airport near the ticket area. He advised that [redacted] came up to him and told him "I'm in trouble, these guys are going to kill me as a result of the deal not going through." He advised that the other individuals came up to them and offered to him part of the deal for the automobiles and finally offered some better prices on those automobiles but he had told them that

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under the circumstances he was not interested. He advised that [] told him that these men would kill him and also himself and that the men then departed the airport and he had not seen nor heard from them since. He advised that he and [] left Milwaukee about 12:30 or 12:40 AM on March 7, 1961, returned to Wausau, Wis. He advised that he had since heard that the Ford automobiles which were probably the ones talked about by [] and the other men in Milwaukee, were parked in the wrecking yard of [] at Waukegan, Illinois. He advised that no automobiles came to Wausau, Wisconsin and as far as he knew no cars had left the state of Illinois and particularly none had come to Wisconsin to him. In fact, he believes that the deal that he was attempting to make with [] and the other men concerned only the automobiles which were apparently delivered to the wrecking yard in Waukegan, Illinois. He advised that in discussing the deal with [] and the men, they had stated the cars were at that wrecking yard and as far as they were concerned they had been delivered; therefore, they wanted their money and that it was up to him [] to go to Waukegan, Illinois to pick up those automobiles. He advised that he also believed that the men who were in room 1744 at the Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee were supposed to be officers of the corporation, which he believed to be the Sterling-Harris Ford Co.

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AT WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. LOUIS GIANOLI, Sheriff, Marathon County, advised on March 8, 1961 that he had been contacted on March 7, 1961 by [REDACTED] the Wausau Auto Auction, regarding contact made by [REDACTED] at that auto auction company regarding some 250 automobiles that were supposed to be stolen from the Sterling-Harris Ford Company in Chicago, Illinois and which were offered for sale to [REDACTED] at the auto auction. He advised that [REDACTED] had called him and given him the story concerning his journey to Milwaukee, Wisconsin with [REDACTED] of Thorp, Wisconsin and that the deal there made in the Schröder Hotel in Milwaukee had fallen through regarding the cars and that [REDACTED] was not satisfied with the invoices or titles to those automobiles and that they would not make the purchase. He advised that [REDACTED] had told him that he feared for his life and that he wanted to have protection in Wausau.

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Mr. GIANOLI advised that both his department and Wausau Police Department were maintaining a close watch on the [REDACTED] home in Wausau and were on the alert for the appearance of anybody who might attempt to contact him. He advised that his office and Police Department were also on the alert for the appearance of any of the Ford automobiles from Sterling-Harris Company in Chicago, and to date none could be identified as being those automobiles. He advised that he was convinced as was the Wausau Police Department that those automobiles had never come to Wausau.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

The Chicago Office advised that investigation conducted by that division revealed there were two cars unaccounted for which had been sold by the Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., and which cars were in the Milwaukee area, having been sold to:

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1960 Ford
Serial No. OG 32 V 147118

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1960 Ford Town Sedan
Serial No. OG 42 V 178539

On May 16, 1961 Detective [REDACTED] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that their department was no longer conducting any active investigation in this matter. He pointed out that the new 1960 Ford which was found in the Avis-Rent-A-Car Garage, 429 West Wells Street, and which had been purchased by [REDACTED] was replevined by Associates Discount Corporation on or about March 10, 1961. A new 1960 Ford belonging to [REDACTED] was also replevined by Associates Discount Corporation some time after that date. These cars have been returned to [REDACTED] after those individuals posted the necessary bond. Detective [REDACTED] advised that he endeavored to talk to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in connection with the investigation that was originally conducted by his department. [REDACTED] related that it was not only the matter of proper titles to the cars which was in question but also the fact that [REDACTED]'s car had Wisconsin license plates which had been registered to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that upon contacting, both [REDACTED] declined to be interviewed, and refused to answer any questions asked of them. Both of these individuals told Detective [REDACTED] that he should see their attorney, [REDACTED].

Detective [REDACTED] made available photostats of the Schroeder Hotel registration cards for March 6, 1961 for the following:

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[REDACTED]

Room 1515

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Room 1523

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[redacted] stated that he is [redacted] of the Bartender's Union, AFL-CIO, Local 64, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with offices at 704 West Wisconsin Avenue.

[redacted] was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish might be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to an attorney before furnishing information. No threats or promises were made to [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in early March, 1961, he had heard that Chicago, Illinois dealers were selling new cars, and particularly Fords, at almost below cost. He stated that, as he recalled, he saw an ad in a Chicago newspaper regarding the prices of new or 1960 Fords. He stated that on either March 4 or March 5, 1961, he is not sure of the exact date at this time, he and [redacted] went to Chicago to purchase a new automobile. [redacted] related that he did not know, nor had he heard of, either [redacted] or the STERLING-HARRIS Ford Company. [redacted] stated that he did not look upon the purchase of one automobile by himself as a "big deal" and that he took the necessary cash with him, figuring that he would be able to make the "best buy" if he were to dispose of his own automobile. [redacted] advised that he went to the STERLING-HARRIS Ford Company in Chicago, Illinois, and that present, while making final arrangements on the purchase of the car, were [redacted] as he recalled. Figuring that he would make a purchase, [redacted] related, he took a train to Chicago. He advised that he never saw either [redacted] or [redacted] previous to this time, and he did not know them when he went to Chicago. [redacted] advised that on this occasion he purchased a 1960 new four-door Ford; and, as he recalled, he paid approximately \$2050.00 for this automobile. At the time of consummating the deal, neither [redacted] asked him to pay in cash, and [redacted] advised that he felt he had the opportunity to pay either in cash or by check.

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[redacted] stated that after returning to Milwaukee, Wisconsin with his new automobile, he placed the new car in the 6th Street Garage, which is located between West Wisconsin Avenue and West Wells Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sometime early in March, date unrecalled, his new car was replevined by the Associates Discount Corporation, which company he was given to

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understand had "floor planned" the automobiles for the STERLING-HARRIS Company. [] stated that he was without his new automobile for several weeks because of the civil action involving the replevin of instant car; and only after posting the necessary bond, was the car returned to him by the Sheriff's Office.

[] advised that, at the time of the purchase of the automobile, it was his recollection that he had received a bill of sale; and, as he recalled, the bill was possibly signed by both [] related that he was given no additional receipt, other than the bill of sale; but, he did think, that he had been given another certificate, known as the Certificate of Origin. [] stated that, due to the replevin action involving his new automobile, he gave all of his papers to his attorney. [] and, after the car was returned to him, [] sent the bill of sale, and probably other papers, to the Motor Vehicle Department in Madison, Wisconsin.

[] stated that, at the time of the interview, he did not yet have his title from the Motor Vehicle Department, although, he had a temporary Certificate of Registration, which had been issued to him to permit him to use the automobile. [] stated he had this certificate at home. b6 b7C

[] indicated that, as far as he knew, the only other individual in Milwaukee area to have purchased an automobile from Sterling-Harris was []

[] stated that he has heard of [] and knows who he is by name, but is not acquainted with him. He stated that he does not know []

[] stated that he is also not acquainted with, and does not know, any LEO RUGENDORF. He stated that he does know [] but has not seen [] for the last 1 1/2 to 2 years. [] further related that he has not heard of any meeting that was held in Milwaukee concerning the sale of a large number of cars belonging to Sterling-Harris Company.

[] advised that shortly after he purchased his Ford from Sterling-Harris he left Milwaukee, on or about March 7, 1961, to attend a convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and that he was gone for a couple of weeks from the Milwaukee area. He stated that at the time that he bought his Ford from Sterling-Harris in Chicago, Illinois he had taken one Wisconsin license plate from his own automobile, which he left in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and, subsequent to the purchase of

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the automobile, the people at Sterling-Harris Ford Company put his license plate on the automobile purchased by [redacted] [redacted] which was also a new 1960 Ford. [redacted] advised that he did not care to furnish any signed statement.

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[redacted] made available a "Temporary Certificate of Registration", which he stated he obtained through the Milwaukee Office of the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Department, for his new 1960 Ford, which certificate contained vehicle identification number O G 42V178539 and for which vehicle was issued 1962 Wisconsin license [redacted] and listed to [redacted]. The statement, "Title and certificate of registration will be mailed later", appeared on the Temporary Certificate of Registration.

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[redacted] also produced a receipt from the Motor Vehicle Department, Milwaukee, dated April 25, 1961, which acknowledged payment by [redacted] for 1960 Ford, vehicle identification number O G 42V178539. This receipt was signed by a [redacted]

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[redacted] Attorney, [redacted] advised that he is a director of the Thorp Finance Company, which is located at Thorp, Wisconsin. He stated that on March 6, 1961, he received a telephone call from [redacted] who is a co-owner of the Ford Agency in Thorp, Wisconsin and a partner of [redacted] who is also an officer of the Thorp Finance Company. When [redacted] heard of the possible sale of many Ford automobiles and after [redacted] mentioned it to [redacted] told [redacted] to get in touch with [redacted] in Milwaukee, for the purpose of having [redacted] look into the deal. According to [redacted] the information he received was that there was a large number of automobiles to be sold out of Chicago, Illinois and that there would probably be more than 100 cars. [redacted] made arrangements with [redacted] to meet at the Schroeder Hotel at approximately 8:00 P.M. on the evening of March 6, 1961.

[redacted] advised that when he arrived at the Schroeder Hotel, he met with three individuals; the only one that he had met previously was [redacted] stated that with the passage of time, he can no longer recall the room number at the Schroeder Hotel, but he believes it was [redacted] room. Also present, was an individual he recalls as [redacted] an auto auctioneer, and another individual, whom [redacted] can recall only as [redacted] stated that he did not get this individual's last name, but that he thought it was something like [redacted] (phonetic) or [redacted] (phonetic), but he could not be sure. [redacted] related that the names of [redacted] were not mentioned at this meeting he had with the other three individuals. [redacted] represented himself as acting on behalf of other principals, whom [redacted] thought were Chicago people. According to [redacted] suggested that, if the deal on the sale of the many automobiles involved went through, only [redacted] principals would be paid and that the financing holders not be paid. [redacted] said he pointed out to [redacted] that this was most illegal. [redacted] in answer to this observation by [redacted] said that this was all legal under Illinois law. [redacted] said that the cars involved were near the Illinois state line and would be immediately available, if the parties involved could agree to terms. [redacted] stated that [redacted] never got around to the method by which payment was to be made, that is, either by cash or check. [redacted]

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told those present that "they" had the titles to the automobiles. [] said that he thought that "they" were the principals whom [] was representing. [] stated he never saw any actual titles to automobiles at this meeting. [] advised that he pointed out to [] that if there had been a "floor plan" involved, which his principals might have had, if [] suggestion were followed, the credit company would get stuck for the money that they might have had in the floor planning of these cars. [] pointed out that only if the credit company handling the floor plan of the automobiles was adequately paid off, would the Thorp Finance Company become involved. Apparently this proposal was not satisfactory to [] and after 30 or 40 minutes, [] stated that as far as the Thorp Finance Company was concerned, they wanted nothing to do with this deal. [] said he also told [] who was co-owner of the Ford Agency in Thorp, Wisconsin. [] then left the meeting, having completely turned down [] proposition.

[] advised that after he arrived at home, [] called him and told him of a meeting at another room in the Schröder Hotel, also pertaining to the sale of a number of automobiles, and at this time [] told him that he was glad that he [] had gotten out of the deal, based on [] recommendation. At the time of this telephone conversation, [] mentioned the names of [] and [] as having been involved in the proposed sale of the large quantity of automobiles. [] stated that to the best of his recollection, this was the first time he heard the names [] mentioned.

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[] pointed out that as a representative and director of the Thorp Finance Company, he becomes acquainted with representatives of other finance or credit companies. Based on the information that he had heard, although he did not know for sure, he thought that perhaps Associates Discount Company might be the organization floor-planning the STERLING-HARRIS automobiles. Accordingly, [] advised that he called []

[] of Associates Discount Company at South Bend, Indiana and told him of the many cars apparently parked or stored near the Illinois line. [] said that there was the possibility that the cars might have been floor-planned by the Associates Discount Company. [] advised that he learned later that [] called other officers of the Associates Discount Company, and following his call to [] the current general counsel, was in contact with [] on several occasions, regarding the cars. [] stated that he felt that perhaps his call to [] was the initial step to start Associates Discount Company to launch an investigation into activities of STERLING-HARRIS at Chicago, Illinois.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/61

[redacted] Wausau Auto Auction, Route 4, Wausau, Wisconsin (2929 Stewart Avenue) advised he was unable to identify the photographs of FELIX ALDERISIO and LEO RUGENDORF as being two of the individuals observed in a room at the Schroeder Hotel on the evening of March 6, 1961 at which time he and [redacted] Ford dealer in Thorp, Wisconsin, refused to purchase Ford automobiles from a group of individuals from Chicago, Illinois, then at the Schroeder Hotel.

[redacted] advised the photograph of RUGENDORF looked familiar but not from the above meeting. He stated he continually attends auto auctions around the Midwest and, in particular, the one at Dyer, Indiana, and may have seen this individual at one of these auctions.

[redacted] advised that with the exception of the individual referred to as [redacted] he doubts if he would be able to identify anyone in the group that evening.

[redacted] stated he recalls no further information of possible pertinence not already provided upon previous interview.

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He reiterated that no one made any threats to him during the course of the evening and stated that if any threats were made, such were made to [redacted] who while at General Mitchell Airport, Milwaukee, later in the evening told [redacted] that he was afraid for his life because the car deal did not go through.

[redacted] advised he suspected [redacted] original contact with him on Saturday noon, March 4, 1961, advising that a large number of new Ford automobiles might be available at very reasonable prices, came as the result of [redacted] being himself contacted on that day or the previous evening, doubtlessly through [redacted] (phonetic), who has a car sales agency near [redacted] home, or other dealers, names not known, who operate in the immediate area and who are known to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on Friday, March 3, 1961, he met with [redacted] at an auction and had lunch with him Friday

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noon with no discussion at that time about these cars. He believed that if the information was then available [redacted] would have immediately referred to it. ✓

Regarding [redacted] stated that [redacted] of the Ford agency at Thorp, Wisconsin, in partnership with [redacted] who is [redacted] the Thorp Finance Company in that community.

As [redacted] understood, when he contacted [redacted] about the possible transaction, the latter contacted [redacted] for his consent to enter the deal, as well as for arranging of financing. [redacted] was undoubtedly the individual who advised a [redacted] of the Thorp Company, that [redacted] of Milwaukee, a company official and manager of the Milwaukee Thorp Office, would be the individual to give final financial approval to the transaction. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he has had no contact whatsoever with any individuals connected with the above incident and has heard nothing concerning any of the cars which reportedly disappeared from the auto sales agency of the Sterling-Harris firm.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 8, 1961

[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] Company, which is the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on [redacted] [redacted] operated by [redacted] and that the [redacted] at this [redacted] is [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in about February, 1961, he heard from someone at the [redacted] the exact identity of the person he could not recall, that a number of cars were for sale in Chicago, Illinois, at a good bargain. He said that he apparently, as he recalled, discussed this with [redacted] and [redacted] and he indicated an interest in purchasing some cars if they could be bought at the right price. He said that on Monday, March 6, 1961, he, [redacted] and [redacted] decided [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] in another. He added that he could not recall [redacted] nor could he recall [redacted] However he said that he and [redacted] went out to eat and after eating [redacted] again. He said that between 7:00 and 8:00 PM [redacted] whom he believed [redacted] had contacted, [redacted] which he and [redacted] He said that he believed he could identify this individual again and described him as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	35 to 40 yrs.
Height:	5'7" to 5'8"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Dark
Wearing:	Sport shirt, sport coat, slacks

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He said that this individual [redacted]

[redacted]
possibility of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he [redacted]

[redacted]
satisfactory to him. He said that [redacted] came to the [redacted]

[redacted] He
stated at that time [redacted] had informed him that the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] explained that prior to [redacted] he
had contacted [redacted] representative of [redacted]

[redacted] and discussed with
him [redacted]

He said that [redacted]
[redacted] told him that he would discuss the matter with [redacted]
[redacted] to determine

whether he would be agreeable to [redacted]
[redacted] stated that [redacted] subsequently
informed him that [redacted]

[redacted] them and if [redacted] was satisfied that [redacted]

He said that [redacted] had told him to contact [redacted]

[redacted] said that following the conversation with [redacted]

he stated that [redacted] and himself [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he identified the photo-
graph of LEO RUGENDORF as being one of these individuals
and described [redacted] RUGENDORF

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as follows:

1. An individual whom he believed to be [redacted]

Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 30 years
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 200 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Dark, wavy
Dress: Well dressed & neat appearing

2. Race: White
Sex: Male
Height: 5'8"
Age: 40 years
Weight: 175 lbs.
Build: Stocky
Complexion: Light
Hair: Bald

3. [redacted] talked directly to this individual in the room and believes he can identify him)

Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 35 years
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 160 lbs.
Build: Slender
Complexion: Light
Dress: Wearing dark clothing

4. RUGENDORF described as follows:

Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 45 years
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Build: Heavy
Hair: Dark, curly

5. Is individual previously described who came to the room occupied by [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that most of the conversation [redacted]
[redacted] and he paid little atten-
tion to what they had to say. He said however one of these
individuals told him that [redacted]
and in reply to this [redacted] told him that [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that they then wanted [redacted]
[redacted] informed him
that [redacted]

[redacted] He added that [redacted] and [redacted] talked
privately for a few minutes after which [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] Sterling-Harris and that they were located some-
where in Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised that of the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he and [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

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he, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[redacted] Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin advised May 5, 1961 that unless a name of a particular guest is known, that it is practically impossible or at least a long and tedious process to ascertain who might have occupied a particular room on a particular day inasmuch as all registration cards are filed alphabetically and not by date. [redacted] caused the names of the various individuals involved in instant investigation to be checked through his records but such a check failed to indicate who might have used Room 1744 on or about March 6, 1961. [redacted] stated that Room 1744 is a very small room, and that it is not possible to have eight or ten people occupy that room at the same time. He stated that to check all of the registration cards without knowing the specific name used is a tremendous task since their hotel has as many as four to five hundred check-outs and registrations on a single day. [redacted] advised that because of the size of their hotel, they have numerous employees with ever-changing variations in their shifts, so that it is impossible to say definitely who has worked on a particular day after the lapse of some time. [redacted] stated that he would attempt to ascertain who might have been on duty on March 6, 1961.

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The photographs of FELIX ALDERISIO, ALBERT FRABOTTA, MARSHALL CAIFANO and LEO RUGENDORF were shown to the following employees of the Schroeder Hotel on the dates indicated, without effecting any identification:

[redacted] Clerk
May 5, 1961

[redacted] Clerk
May 5, 1961

[redacted] Clerk
May 12, 1961

[redacted]
May 12, 1961

[redacted]
May 16, 1961

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[redacted]
May 16, 1961

Clerk

On May 12, 1961, [redacted] advised that the photograph of FELIX ALDERISIO looked somewhat familiar to her. She pointed out that the Milwaukee Police Department in connection with their investigation had shown her a photograph of FELIX ALDERISIO in early March, 1961, at which time she indicated that he appeared somewhat similar to an individual whom she recalled as having waited in the lobby of the Schroeder Hotel to be joined by other individuals. [redacted] stated that she was not sure about this but she felt that there was something familiar in the photograph of FELIX ALDERISIO.

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[redacted] was located and contacted in downtown Milwaukee on May 19, 1961, at which time he advised that he believed he knew why the FBI wanted to talk with him. [redacted] said he thought it was in connection with the car which had been purchased by him from Sterling-Harris Ford Corporation of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that all papers he had received with the automobile had been turned over to his attorney DOMINIC FRINZI, and that because of the replevin action still pending against him, his attorney had instructed him to discuss the matter with no one.

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)
 SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 5/23/61 b6
 at Milwaukee, a copy of which is forwarded herewith to the b7C
 Bureau for completion of the Bureau's file.

All offices, in accordance with Bureau instructions,
 submit three copies of all future reports to the Bureau.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /49-15138/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2290/ 2P

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL., NBA. [REDACTED]

ATTORNEY FOR THE RECEIVER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE LATE TODAY AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO REVIEW STERLING HARRIS FORD RECORDS AND MATERIAL TOMORROW MORNING. THESE RECORDS WERE OBTAINED BY THIS OFFICE UNDER RECENT SEARCH WARRANT. HE WAS ADVISED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE ^{United States Attorney} USA AND HE WOULD BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY.

ASSISTANT ^{United States Attorney} AUSA [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO LET THE RECEIVER AND HIS ATTORNEYS EXAMINE THESE RECORDS AS SOON AS WE HAD FINISHED OUR EXAMINATION AND MADE THE RETURN ON THE SEARCH WARRANT INASMUCH AS THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ITEMS CONCERNING ASSETS IN THESE RECORDS WHICH THE RECEIVER COULD POSSIBLY COLLECT UPON AFTER HE MADE AN EXAMINATION OF THESE RECORDS. I FELT IT MOST UNDESIRABLE

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IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] PREVIOUS SLURS, DERISIVE COMMENTS AND LIES ABOUT THE BUREAU TO LET HIM IN OUR OFFICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. IT IS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO COME OVER TO OUR OFFICE AND HAVE ONE OF OUR ACCOUNTANTS INTERPRET THESE RECORDS FOR HIS BENEFIT. I INSTRUCTED THAT AVENUES BE EXPLORED WITH AUSA ^{ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY} [REDACTED] TO PERMIT THE RECEIVER AND HIS ATTORNEYS TO EXAMINE THESE RECORDS ELSEWHERE.

[REDACTED] WAS DISCREETLY CONTACTED CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF TURNING THESE RECORDS OVER TO THE USA/S OFFICE AND HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HAVE AN ORDER ENTERED ON MAY TWENTYSIX NEXT TURNING THESE RECORDS OVER TO THE CUSTODY OF THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK. HE ADVISED THIS WILL PRESERVE THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE AND PERMIT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLERK OF THE COURTS. IT WILL BE NOTED HERE THAT OUR EXAMINATION OF THESE RECORDS ^{UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU} HAS BEEN COMPLETED. UACB THE RECORDS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE USA/S OFFICE TOMORROW MORNING TO BE HANDLED AS INDICATED. ^{UNITED STATES ATTORNEY}

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Re Chicago airtel dated 5/26/61.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of investigation
conducted since May 26, 1961:

Investigation at American National Bank and
Trust Company reveals [redacted] cashed \$7,500 check
received from [redacted] No information developed
of the further disposition of these funds.

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[redacted] Attorney, advised \$5,000 in checks
received from [redacted] were for his legal fee.

Efforts to locate and interview two car hikers
are continuing. The liaison with Associates Discount
Corporation officials is being maintained.

Leads set for Cincinnati Office to check missing
cars through Motor Vehicle Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, and
investigation at Gies Ford Sales, Chicago Heights, being
conducted continued. This lead based on information received from
Associates Discount Corporation that unaccounted cars were
driven into Ohio and registered there.

Details of reported burglary at Sterling-Harris
on March 8, 1961, obtained.

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Detailed schedule summarizing pertinent information has been substantially completed except for recording results of most recent interviews.

Additional information received regarding purchasers whom we have been unable to locate and leads set forth to attempt to locate and interview.

Numerous bank checks have been made and are continuing to be made.

At present, three Agents are assigned to this investigation on a full-time investigation. Six other Agents presently have leads assigned to be handled on priority basis.

The following investigation ^{REMAINS} ~~immediately~~ to be performed:

Follow-up PHASE

Complete detail schedule

Maintain liaison with Associates Discount Corporation

Attempt to locate and interview six purchasers whom we were previously unable to locate (based on new information received)

Contact thirteen banks for information concerning loans to purchasers

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Reinterview eight purchasers of cars for additional information

Locate and interview additional former employees of Sterling-Harris.

Chicago will submit a report on or about June 9, 1961, incorporating all investigation to date.

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Date: 6/5/61

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For the information of Buffalo, over the week-
 end of March 5-6, 1961, the entire inventory of captioned
 company, consisting of over 300 cars, mysteriously dis-
 appeared from the company's premises at Chicago, Illinois.

All of the missing vehicles were subsequently
 located or accounted for except for the following 19, on
 which either no information has been received or else
 the person to whom the car was registered has proven fic-
 titious or cannot be located.

Year	Make	Vehicle Identification Number
1960	Ford truck	F10JoG19371
1960	Ford convertible	OF55W272595
1961	Ford Fairlane four door	1G32V139782
1961	Ford Falcon four door	1H12S141772
1961	Ford Fairlane four door	1G42V144826
1961	Ford Galaxie two door	1G57W146222
1961	Ford Falcon four door	1H12S147545
1961	Ford Falcon four door	1K12S152004
1961	Ford Falcon four door	1K12S157608
1961	Ford ranch wagon four door	1F62W196794
1961	Ford Country Sedan	1F66W205403
1960	Ford Galaxie four door	OG54W107070
1960	Ford Fairlane four door	OG42W113333
1961	Ford Galaxie two door	1G57W140921
1960	Ford Galaxie convertible	OF55X269111

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Vehicle Identification Number</u>
1960	Ford Galaxie convertible	OF55X291046
1961	Ford Falcon four door	1H12S117133
1961	Ford Falcon four door	1K12S153370
1961	Ford Town Sedan four door	1F42V168195

One of the principals involved in disposing of the subject company's inventory was LEO RUGENDORF, Chicago hoodlum engaged in loan shark activity.

Information has been received from a neighbor of [redacted] LEO RUGENDORF, that twelve of the missing cars were taken to Canada and are being held by [redacted] who reside in the suburbs of Toronto, Canada, telephone number MELrose 3-5772. [redacted] is reportedly a [redacted] LEO RUGENDORF. This same source advised that on June 2, last, [redacted] talked by phone for over an hour with [redacted]

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Buffalo, at Toronto, is requested to ascertain whether any of the missing vehicles have been registered there and also to discreetly ascertain, through [redacted] whether any [redacted] of the missing vehicles are stored on the premises of [redacted] and [redacted]

The Bureau has instructed that this case must be afforded top priority and three copies of reports should be submitted to the Bureau.

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